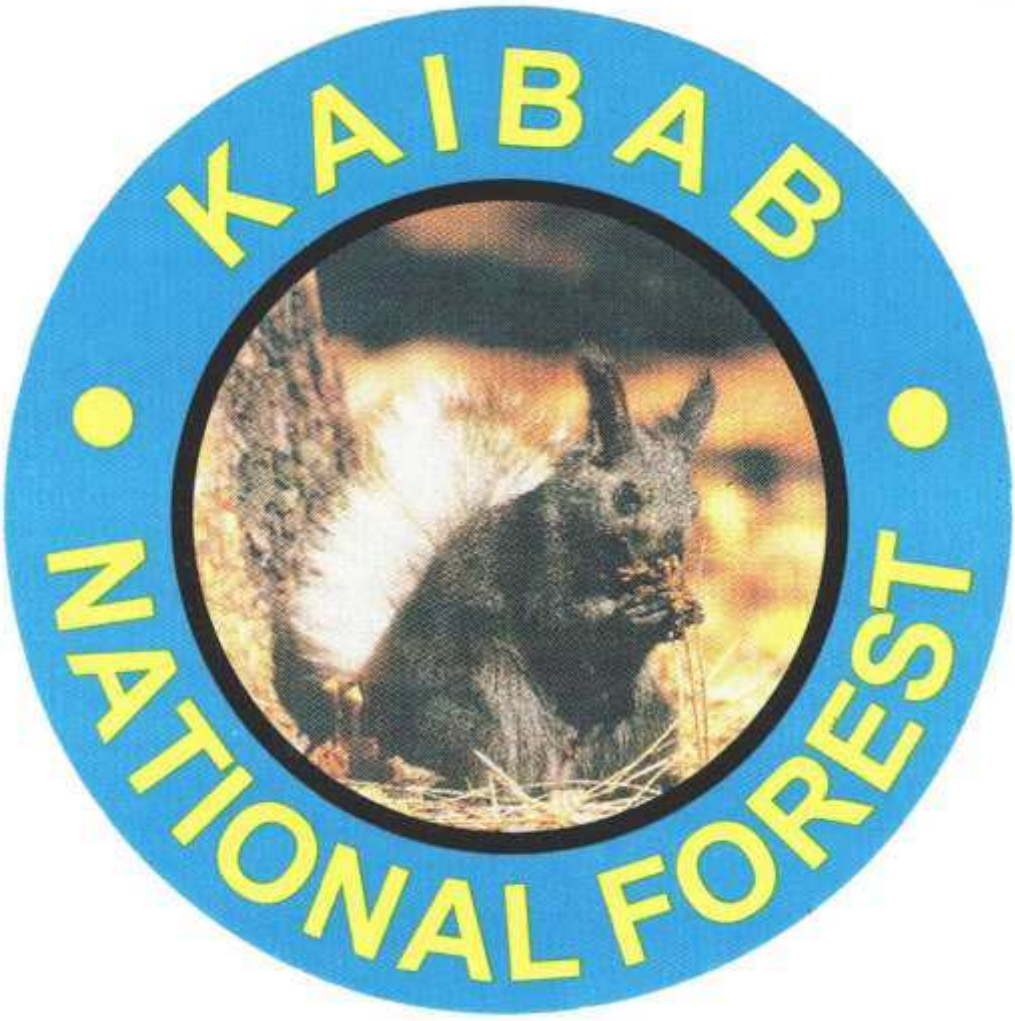

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HISTORIC ROUTES AND SITES

FLAGSTAFF TO GRAND CANYON STAGE ROUTE AND MOQUI STAGE STATION

The Flagstaff-Grand Canyon Stage Route, used from 1892 to 1901, was one of the most popular routes to the Grand Canyon. In addition to commercial stage coaches, it was also used by private coaches and horseback riders. This road angled northwest out of Flagstaff and ended at the Grandview Hotel on Grandview Point (see map), inside what is now Grand Canyon National Park. One of three stage stops enroute was at Moqui Tanks. Water was probably hauled here from Cedar Ranch, another stage stop, and stored in a cistern which is still evident at the site. In 1894, two area sheepmen settled a disagreement at Moqui Tanks with a shootout in which one of the sheepmen was killed. The resulting chase led the local sheriff all the way to New Mexico.

At the Moqui Station, a change of horses was made and passengers rested from what was undoubtedly a very bumpy and dusty ride. Remains of old buildings can be seen here. The day-long trip was made in a four to six horse stage, with a second coach attached if necessary. The cost was $20.00, a considerable sum in those days. When the Grand Canyon Railroad was completed to the South Rim from Williams in 1901, passengers gladly abandoned the dusty and bumpy stagecoach for the railroad, and the stage line became a thing of the past.

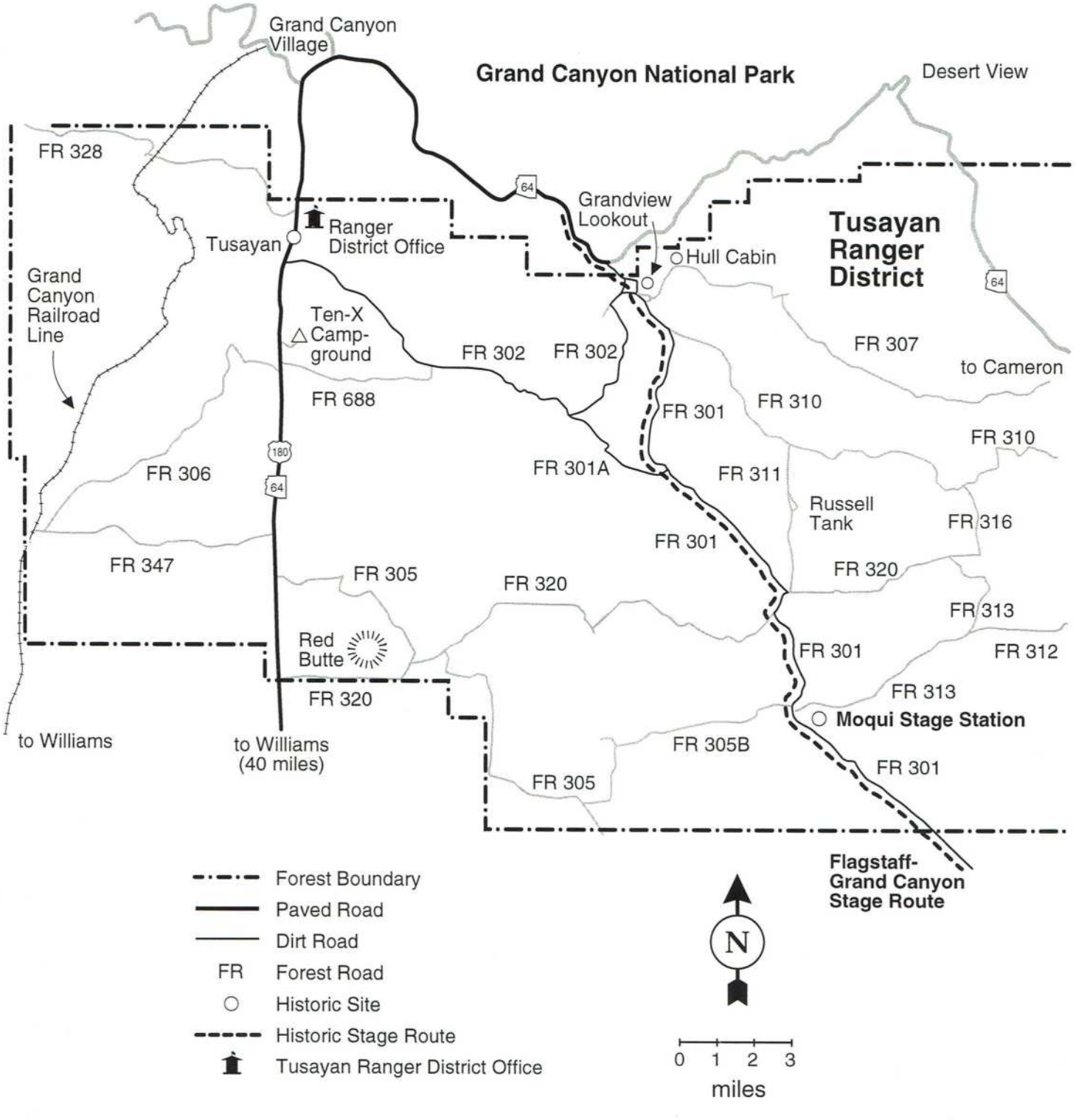
Location: This historic route runs north-south through the Tusayan Ranger District.

Access/Road Conditions: Take FR 302 east from Highway 64/180, just south of Tusayan, to FR 310, just south of Grandview Lookout Tower. Today's FR 301 generally follows the old Flagstaff to Grand Canyon stage route. From the junction of FR 310 and FR 302, drive south on FR 310 for a short distance to FR 301. Head right onto FR 301 and follow this road south to the forest boundary. Remains of the Moqui Stage Station can be seen on the east side of FR 301, just south of its junction with FR 313.

While it is possible to continue south of the forest boundary to Highway 180, it is not recommended. The roads are unmarked and not maintained. It is easy to become lost. Instead, retrace the route north on FR 301 to the junction with FR 320. Turn left (west) and follow FR 320 to Highway 180/64.

FR 320, FR 310, and FR 320 are suitable for passenger vehicles in dry weather. FR 301 is recommended for high clearance vehicles.

Flagstaff to Grand Canyon Stage Route & Moqui Stage Station



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GRAND CANYON RAILROAD LINE

The Grand Canyon Railroad Line crosses the Tusayan Ranger District running west of and parallel to Highway 64, from the District's southern boundary to northern boundary.

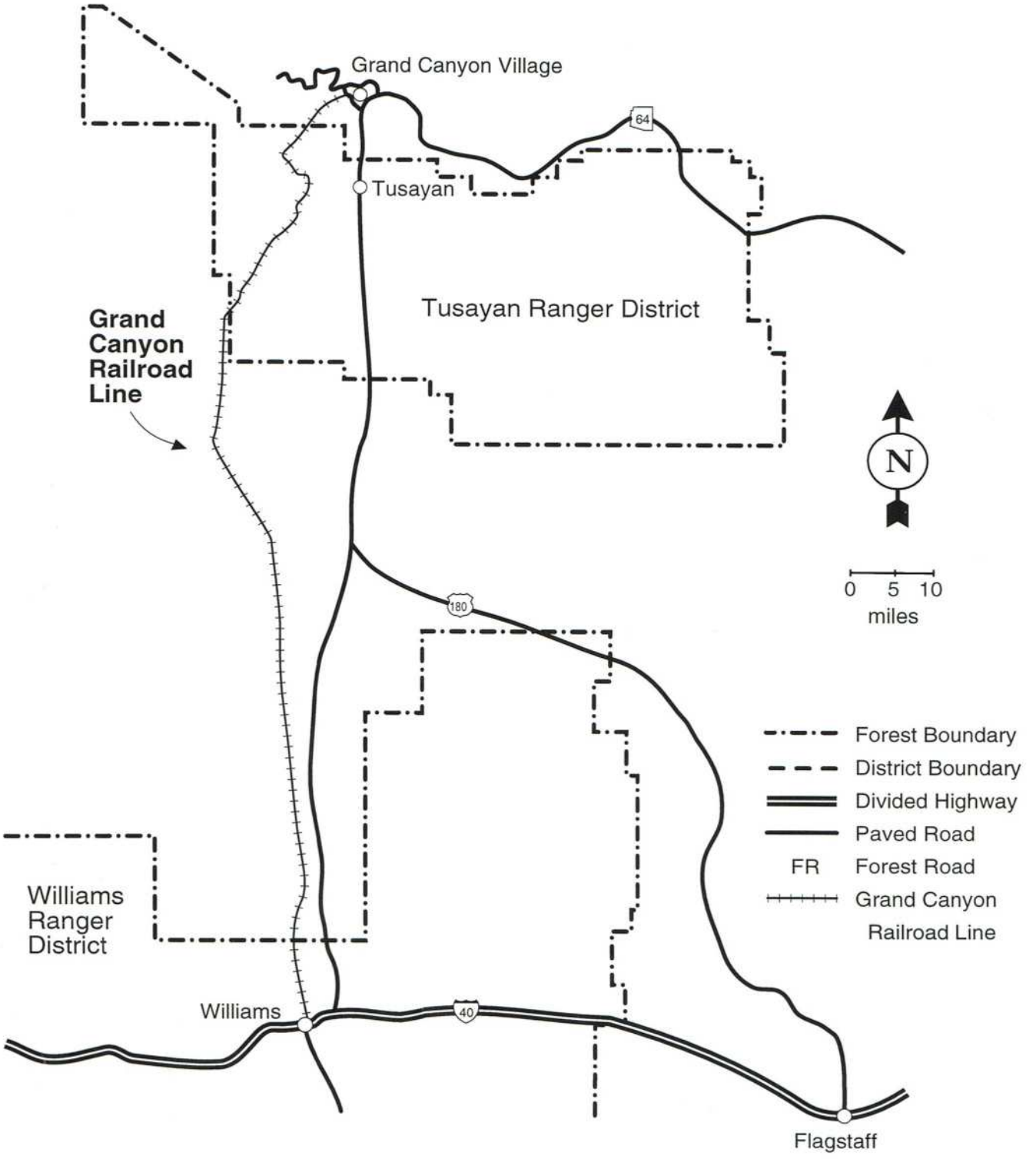
Sometime prior to 1890, copper was discovered in the area. A Mr. Nellis owned the claim in 1890, but whether he was its discoverer is unknown. This Mr. Nellis probably was the Ferd Nellis who operated a stage route from Williams. Nellis named the mine Anita after a family member.

Buckey O'Neill, a Prescott resident famous for his Rough Rider days with Teddy Roosevelt, became involved in the Anita Mine claim and, with his considerable influence as a politician and friend of Roosevelt, was able to initiate the development of a railroad line from Williams to the Grand Canyon. The Chicago mining firm of Lombard, Goode and Company, through O'Neill's persuasion, bought out his interest at Anita and proceeded to organize the Santa Fe and Grand Canyon Railway Company in 1897. First, the railroad needed a right-of-way from Congress, and with O'Neill's help that was granted in 1898. At that time, construction of the line had already begun. The importance of Buckey O'Neill in getting the railroad built is made more apparent by the failure of businessmen from the larger community of Flagstaff to finance a similar spur line. O'Neill did not live to see his success; he was killed in the Rough Rider's charge up San Juan Hill, Cuba in 1898.

Prior to the railroad's completion to Anita in 1900, ore was hauled to Williams in trailers powered by a steam-generated tractor. A smelter was built at Williams by Lombard, Goode and Company to process the ore, but it was never operated. The mining company was forced into bankruptcy after completing the line to Anita and sold its interests to Santa Fe in 1901. A subsidiary of Santa Fe, the Grand Canyon Railway Company, completed the line to the South Rim in the fall of 1901, providing much improved access to the Grand Canyon for $3.95. Rail service to the South Rim for tourists continued until 1968 when the line was abandoned. In 1989, rail passenger service began again with the revival of the Grand Canyon Railway.

The Saginaw Manistee Lumber Company built spur lines off the main line to use for logging between 1928 and 1935. The main spur started at Apex siding and ran to the northeast through what is now the community of Tusayan and then through the Ten X Ranch. The line ran near what is now Forest Road 302 to Skinner Tank, then along Forest Road 301A past Camp 36 Tank. Several small spurs ran up side drainages along this line. The routes these lines followed are still quite visible; however, the rails have been removed and the only physical evidence that is left are some rotted ties and spikes. A series of temporary logging camps were built throughout the forest, following the logging operations.

Grand Canyon Railroad Line



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GRANDVIEW LOOKOUT TOWER

This steel lookout tower and two-room cabin were built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. These lookout tower sites represent the U.S. Forest Service's long-standing commitment to fire detection and control. In the first years after the Forest Service was established in 1905, fire guards patrolled the forest on horseback. The earliest form of lookout structure was simply a platform mounted on a tree. The fire guard would climb the tree, spot the fire and then report it. Eventually, permanent stations such as this one were established. The 1930s were an active period for lookout tower construction, and most of the tall steel towers still in use today date to that time. Steel towers, the "cabs" in which the lookout sits, and the associated residential cabins were built to standard architectural plans. Grandview Lookout Tower is typical of others built during that era. The tower is 80 feet tall and the cab is 7 feet square.

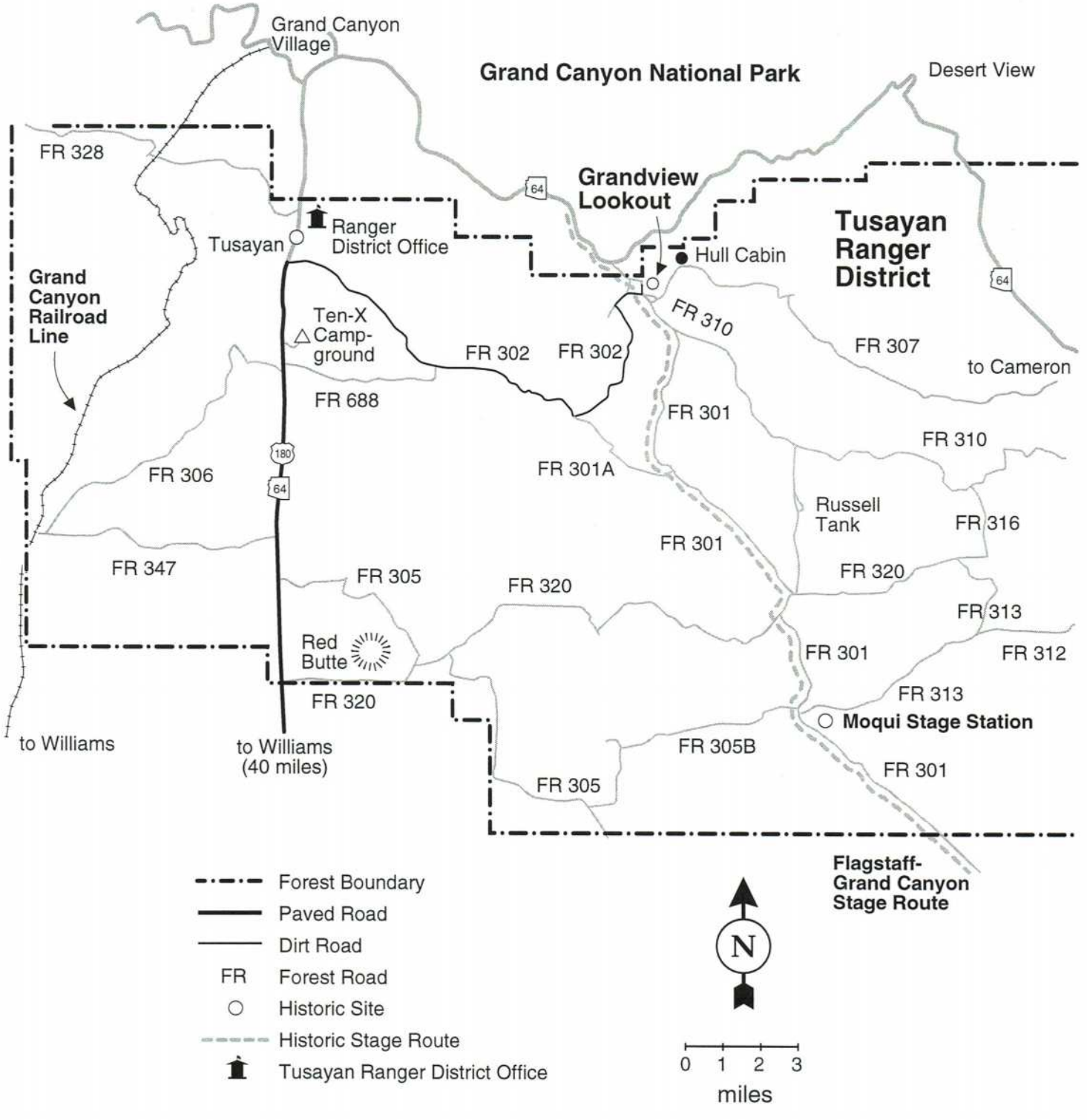
This site is now a trailhead for the Arizona trail. A vault toilet is available to the public. See the Trails section of this guide.

Location: About 15 miles east of Grand Canyon Village, Arizona.

Access/Road Conditions: Take FR 302 east from Highway 64/180, just south of the town of Tusayan. Follow FR 302 for about 15 miles to its junction with FR 310. Turn left onto FR 310 and the lookout tower will soon appear on your right.

These gravel and graded dirt roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

Grandview Lookout Tower



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HULL CABIN

There are actually four structures which collectively comprise the Hull Cabin Historic District, commonly referred to simply as Hull Cabin. There is a log cabin residence, a log storage cabin, a log barn and a water tank. None of the buildings have electricity, plumbing or telephone service. They lie in a small meadow surrounded by old growth ponderosa pine. The appearance of the site has changed little in the years since it was built.

By 1884, the Hull brothers, Phillip and William, had established a sheep ranch at this site. In 1888, they constructed Hull Tank, which became an important source of year-round water in this dry land. At about the same time, they erected the ranch buildings. The cabins are built of round logs which are V-notched at the corners, a difficult construction technique. Of particular interest is the barn, constructed of massive hand-squared ponderosa pine logs joined by dovetailed notches at the corners.

Phillip Hull died of a heart attack at the age of 41 in November, 1888. His brother, William, continued in the sheep business and occasionally guided tourists to the Grand Canyon, but he eventually turned to prospecting in the Canyon's depths. Hull Cabin became the property of the United States government about the turn of the century. It was established as a U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station in 1907. Rangers lived at Hull Cabin during the summer months and in the winter moved to Anita, located 18 miles west of the Grand Canyon Railroad line. Forest Service rangers of the period were jacks-of-all-trades. They checked range conditions, met with grazing permittees, worked on timber sales, issued special use permits, cited trespassers, reported on homestead entries, maintained buildings and facilities, and built fences and telephone lines - among other things. After a new administrative site was built in Tusayan in 1940, Hull Cabin was retained as a home for seasonal Forest Service crews. Visitors are welcome at Hull Cabin, but please respect the privacy of those living there.

The historical significance of the Hull Cabin Historic District was officially recognized in October 1984, when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

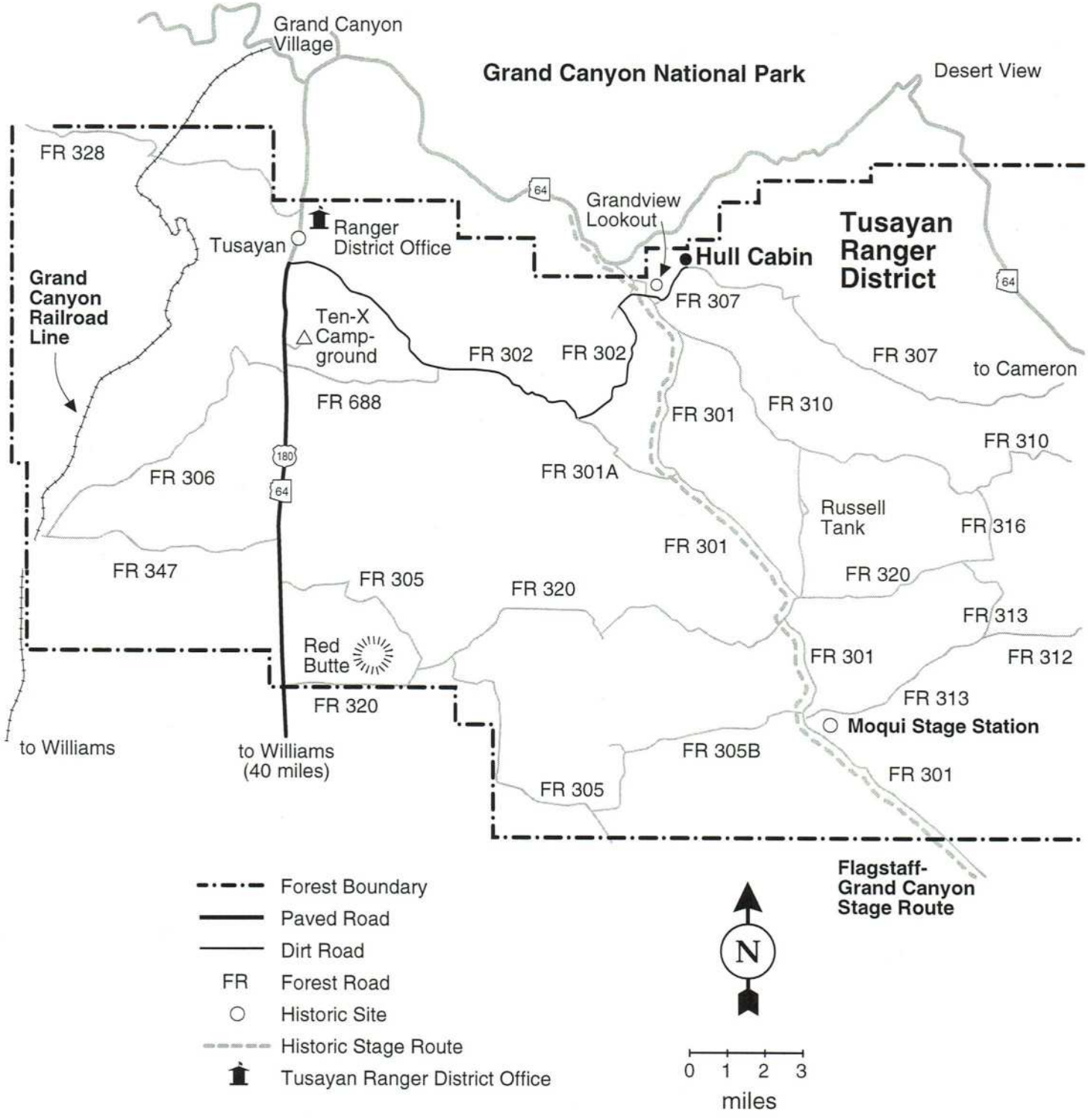
Location: About 15 miles east of Grand Canyon Village, Arizona.

Access/Road Conditions: Take FR 302 east from Highway 64/180, just south of the town of Tusayan. Turn left onto FR 307 at its junction with FR 302, just south of Grandview Lookout Tower. Follow the signs to Hull Cabin, approximately 1.5 miles.

The road is gravel and graded dirt–passable by sedans in dry weather.

Camping is not permitted within a half mile of Hull Cabin.

Hull Cabin



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INTRODUCTION

Humans have inhabited the area south of the Grand Canyon for thousands of years. Hunters and gatherers lived a nomadic lifestyle here between 9,000 and 1,500 years ago; however, archeologists have found little evidence of their presence. Most archeological remains on the Kaibab National Forest south of Grand Canyon are between 1,200 and 850 years old, a period when people lived in semi-subterranean pit houses and stone houses, made pottery, and grew crops. The Cohonina culture was most prominent in what is now the Williams area. The Kayenta Anasazi shared the south rim of the Grand Canyon with the Cohonina. Both cultures first appeared in about AD 700 and disappeared, for unknown reasons, by about AD 1150.

The Hopi Indians, who today live east of the forest, are believed to descend from the Anasazi, perhaps the Cohonina, and other prehistoric groups. After about AD 1350, other native groups appeared in the area, including the Havasupai and Hualapai from the west, the Yavapai from the south, and (later) the Navajo from the east. Several prominent landmarks on the forest are considered sacred to these tribes, including Red Butte, Bill Williams Mountain, Kendrick Mountain, and Sitgreaves Mountain. This region was probably always sparsely inhabited, primarily because of the lack of water.

When Spaniards first visited the area in 1540, they found aboriginal trade routes crossing the forest. The Spanish, and later Mexicans, found little use for this waterless area on their northern frontier. It wasn't until after the United States won the southwest from Mexico in 1848 that exploration and settlement by non-natives began in earnest. American expeditions of the 1850s followed the old trading trails. Several area landmarks received their names at this time. Captain Lorenzo Sitgreaves led an 1851 expedition past the mountain that would eventually bear his name. An escort for his party, Bvt. Major H. L. Kendrick, also had a mountain named for him. The Sitgreaves party named Bill Williams Mountain for the famed trapper and mountain man, William Sherley Williams. Lieutenant Edward Fitzgerald Beale's 1859-60 expedition built the Beale Wagon Road, which opened the area to settlement. (Additional information on this road is provided under its own heading in this section.)

In 1882, the transcontinental Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (now the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe) followed the route of the Beale Wagon Road, linking northern Arizona with the rest of the nation. The railroad brought about the establishment of communities like Williams, Ash Fork, and Parks. In 1901, the Grand Canyon Railway began service between Williams and Grand Canyon. Originally built to access mining claims, tourists soon became its main cargo. Wagon routes radiated out from the rail lines. Automobile routes came later; the most famous was US Route 66. In 1930, a highway to Grand Canyon was completed. The Civilian Conservation Corps helped to improve the Perkinsville Road (CR 73) south of Williams in the 1930s.

The well-watered open meadows of Spring Valley, Garland Prairie, Pitman Valley, and Red Lake were settled first by ranchers in the late 1800s. After the turn of the century, homesteaders tried farming root crops, like potatoes, but were largely unsuccessful. Remains of some of these homesteads and ranches dot the landscape today.

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PREHISTORIC SITES

CLOVER RUIN

This is a small, but typical, Cohonina culture site. Rock outlines mark the rooms of a house that was occupied for a short period about 1000 years ago. A portion of this site is being reconstructed. An interpretive sign marks the site's location in front of the Williams District Ranger Station building, a historic site. It was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933.

Location: Williams District Administrative Site, 2 miles west of downtown Williams.

Access: Go west from downtown Williams on Railroad Avenue about one mile; turn left at the top of the hill on the road indicated by the sign "Williams District Ranger Station". Proceed along the frontage road and turn left to the administrative site. Turn right and park at the Ranger Station building. The site is located next to this building. The roads are paved.

KEYHOLE SINK

This is a petroglyph site located at the edge of a small water hole. Are the symbols pecked into the rock wall evidence of hunting magic? A short hike leads you to the site and interpretive sign (see Hiking Trails section). The trailhead to the site is located at Oak Hill Snowplay Area.

Location: This trail starts on the north side of Historic Route 66, across from the Oak Hill Snowplay area.

Access: From Williams, take I-40 east to the Pitman Valley exit #171. Turn left and cross over the Interstate. Proceed east on Historic Route 66 for about 2 miles to the Oak Hill Snowplay Area. The trail begins on the north side of the road. Please park in the lot provided. Roads are paved.

LAWS SPRING

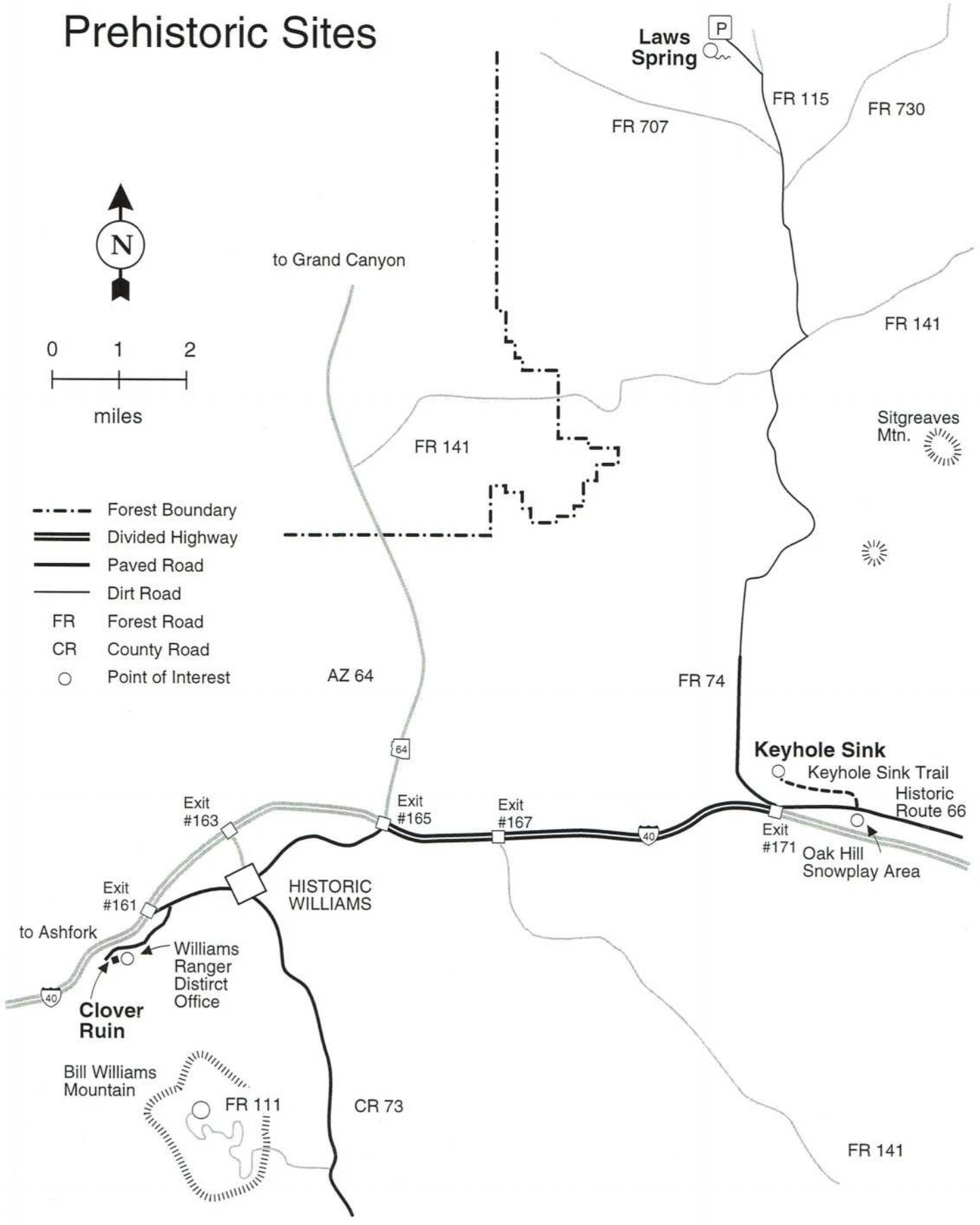
This site is a water hole with associated rock carvings from the historic 1858 Beale expedition. A short walk will take you to an original segment of historic road. Earlier petroglyphs left by Indian travelers can also be seen here (see Beale Road in this section).

Location: About 20 miles northeast of Williams.

Access: From Williams, drive north on AZ 64 about 5 miles to the Spring Valley Road (FR 141), turn right and take about 7 miles to FR 730, turn left and drive 3 miles and turn left on FR 115. Proceed about 1-1/2 miles to FR 2030 and follow the sign to the parking area. Laws Spring is a short walk from the parking area. AZ 64 is paved. FR 141 is cindered and suitable for passenger vehicles. FR 115 and 2030 are suitable for high clearance vehicles.

Historic Williams: The Williams Historic Business District features turn-of-the-century buildings, many of which have been restored. Visit Saloon Row or stroll along Route 66. Information is available at the Williams/Forest Service Visitor Center. You may begin your walk there.

Prehistoric Sites



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J.D. CABIN AND GRAVE

Narrative: This is the site of a ranch that dates to around the turn of the century. There are two maintained buildings here, a cabin and a log barn, as well as an old corral and water reservoir. The cabin was built of railroad ties in about 1950. The weathered remains of three additional log cabins, which probably date to the late 1870s, are also found here. The ranch's namesake, James Douglas, is buried in a hillside grave located a few hundred yards down the road east of the cabins. His marble headstone reads: "In Memory of JAMES DOUGLAS, died Aug. 29, 1884, Aged 64 years." The Johnson Cattle Company used the site for their ranching operations in the first decades of this century. Today, it houses Forest Service crews during the summer season. Visitors are welcome, but are asked to respect the privacy of the occupants. Vehicle access to this site is restricted by a gate when the buildings are not occupied.

Location: About 15 miles southeast of Williams, Arizona.

Access: Take Fourth Street (CR 73) south from Williams about 9 miles and turn left on FR 110. Follow this for about 5 miles to FR 747 and turn left. After a short distance, turn right on FR 14. You will soon see the turnoff to JD Cabin on the left. Roads 73 and 110 are paved or cinder surfaced and are suitable for passenger vehicles. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for FR 14.

OVERLAND ROAD

Narrative: The U.S. Army blazed this route in the summer of 1863. It connected the Beale Road with the growing community of Prescott, which experienced a short-lived gold rush. This road left the Beale Road near where Flagstaff is today, and continued west through Garland Prairie to Lockett Spring. Then, it turned southwest to cross Hell Canyon and from there south to Prescott. About 30 miles of the route is located on the Kaibab National Forest. The road was used by the military, immigrants, and freighters between 1863 and 1882, when the railroad was built across northern Arizona. As with the Beale Road, much of the Overland Road has been covered over by the present-day Forest Service road system, but portions are still visible.

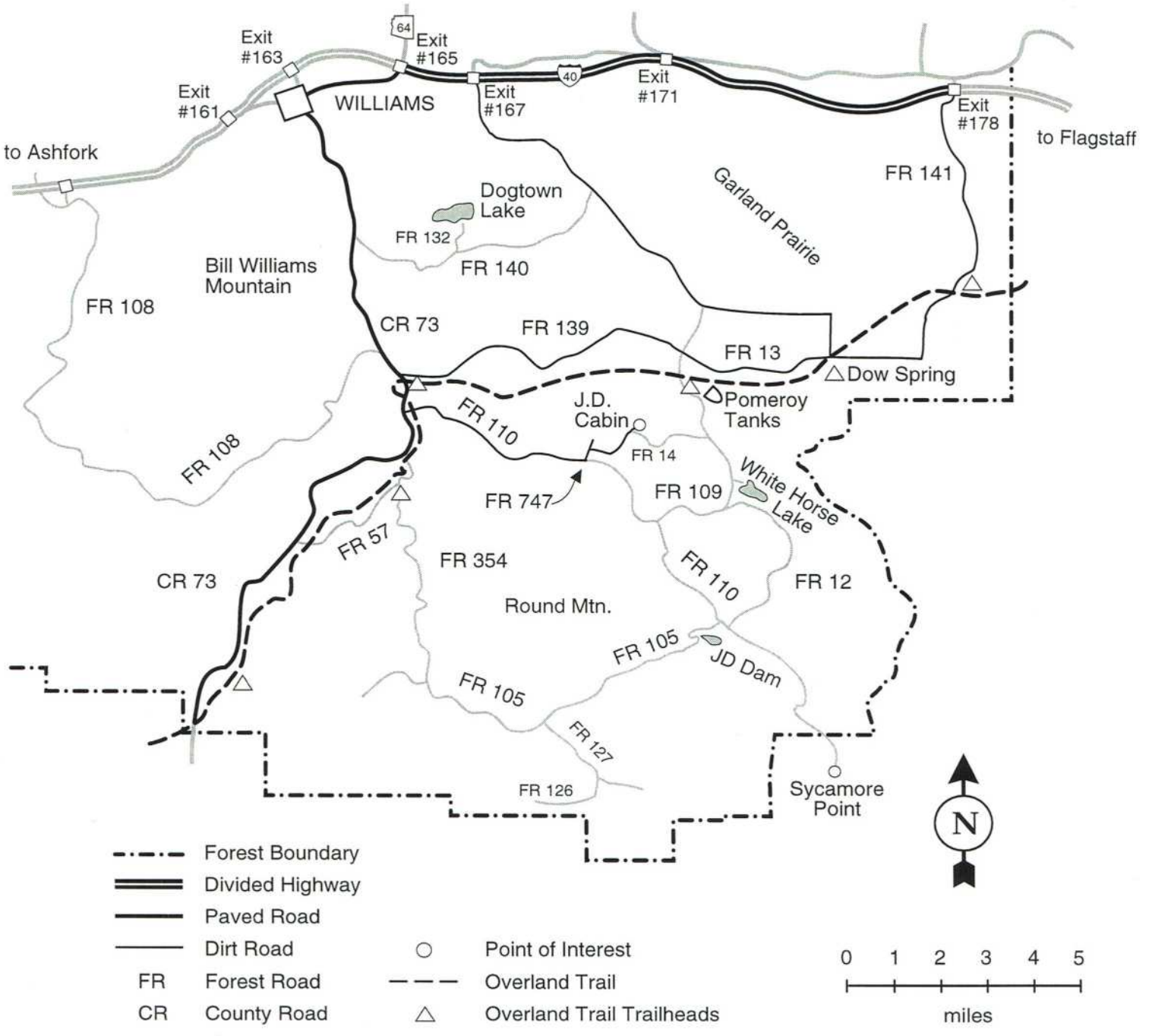
Location: This historic route is located on the Williams Ranger District, south of and roughly parallel to Interstate 40.

Access: As the accompanying map shows, there are several trailheads where the Overland Road hiking and equestrian trail is accessible. Access points include FR 109 at the Pomeroy Tanks area, FR 139 off of CR 73, and at Dow Spring, which has turn of the century cabins and logging railroad remains. This route has been marked across the Kaibab National Forest with closely-spaced rock cairns, distinctive brass caps, tree blazes, and 4" wood posts marked on the accompanying map. Interpretive signs with information about the history of the Overland Road can be found at the trailheads. Most of these roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

Travel by motorized vehicle on sections of the Overland Road located off of Forest Service roads, is prohibited.

Road Condition: About 25 miles of paved, cinder and gravel surfaced roads intersect the Overland Road. Most of these roads are suitable for passenger vehicles. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for FR 57, FR 139, and FR 354.

J.D. Cabin and Grave & Overland Road



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BEALE WAGON ROAD

Narrative: The Beale Wagon Road was one of the three major immigrant routes to California prior to the Civil War, and brought large numbers of people through northern Arizona. It was surveyed and constructed between 1857 and 1859 by Lieutenant Edward F. Beale, who commanded the Army's experimental Camel Corps in Arizona. The road roughly followed an earlier route used for centuries by aboriginal groups. The Beale Road was a precursor to the 1882 transcontinental Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (Santa Fe) and Route 66, both of which parallel the road. Until the railroad arrived, the Beale Road was one of the most important roads in Arizona. It continued to be used extensively until the 1940s, and many Forest Service roads are presently located where the Beale Road used to be.

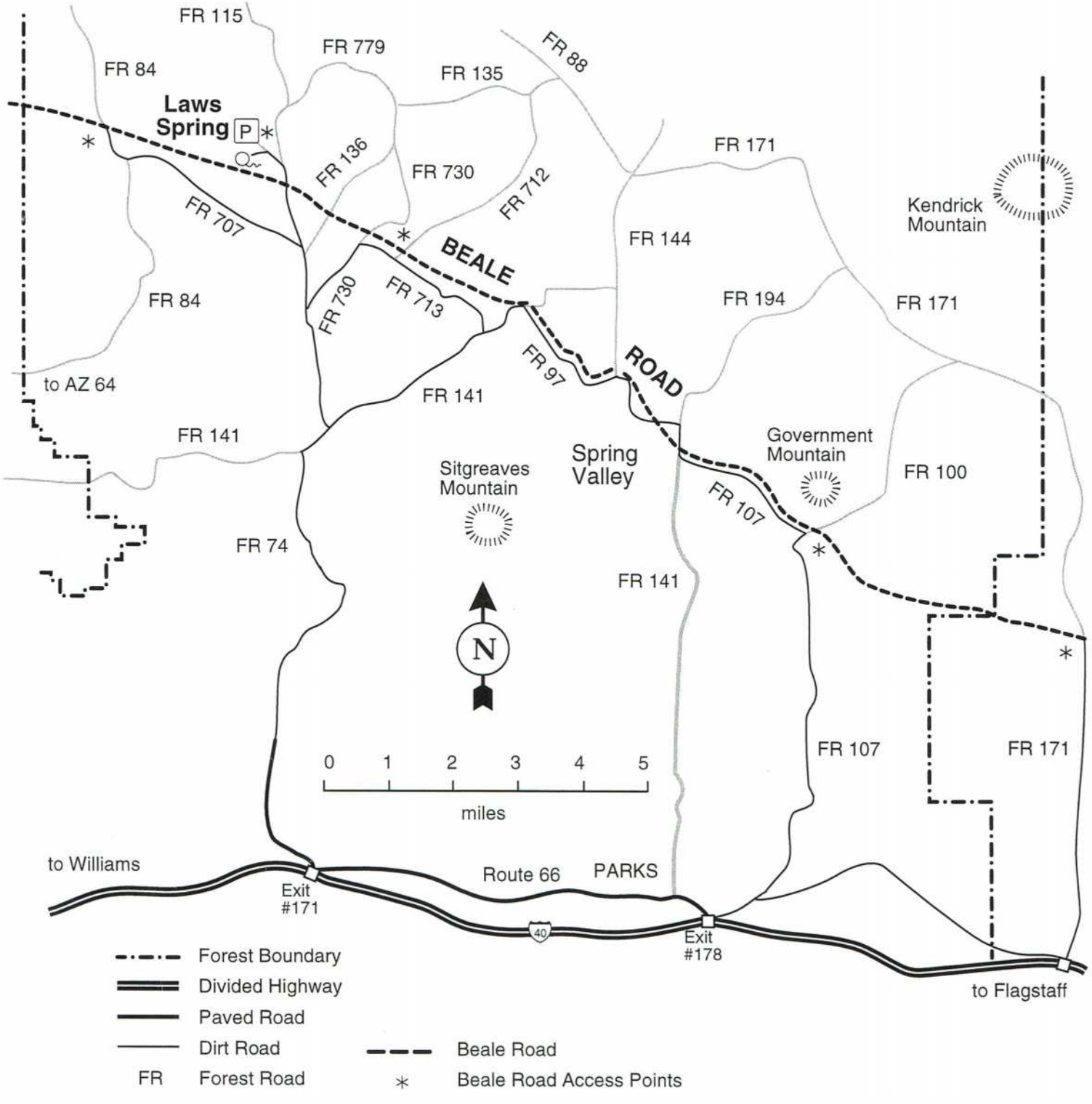
Location: The Beale Road traverses the Williams Ranger District, running east-west. It is north of and roughly parallels Interstate 40.

Access: As the accompanying map indicates, there are several points where the Beale Road hiking and equestrian trail is accessible. Laws Spring, with its historic and prehistoric rock carvings and original road segment, is one major access point; another is located at the junction of FR 100 and FR 107, about 7 miles north of Parks. This route has been marked across the Kaibab National Forest with closely spaced rock cairns, distinctive brass caps, tree blazes and 4" wood posts. These markings can be found along FR's 141, 107, 97, and 84. Other access points are marked on the ground at the points indicated by asterisk on the accompanying map.

More detailed information on location and access to this trail is available at the Forest Service offices. **Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited on sections of the Beale Road located off of Forest Service roads.**

Road Condition: About 30 miles of cinder or gravel surfaced roads intersect the Beale Road. Forest Road 141 is suitable for passenger vehicles, on all other roads a high clearance vehicle is recommended.

Beale Road



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HISTORIC U. S. ROUTE 66

Attractions: Follow the road that carried the legendary Grapes of Wrath's Joad family, songwriter Bobby Troup, and millions of others west to the land of dreams, opportunity and open spaces. In 1989, the Kaibab National Forest listed several segments of Route 66 on the National Register of Historic Places. This historic highway, which linked Chicago with Los Angeles was completely paved in 1938. Perhaps more than any other highway in America, Route 66 symbolizes the adventure and romance of the open road, and is an inseparable part of American popular culture.

Begin your tour to the past in Williams on Route 66. Here, it is plainly "America's Main Street." Its gas stations, restaurants, curio shops, and motels have served generations of travelers. From here, proceed east on "Old 66" to the Interstate 40 interchange and continue east on I-40 for six miles. The historic alignment of Route 66 has been covered by the interstate on this stretch, but it resumes at the Pittman Valley exit. Exit here, turn left, pass over I-40, and turn right onto historic Route 66. This concrete pavement dates to 1939 and bore Route 66 traffic until the Interstate arrived in 1964. It passes Oak Hill Snowplay Area (the original Williams Ski Area, circa 1940), where you can park and take a short hike to the Keyhole Sink petroglyph site. Garland Prairie Vista, a short distance east, offers a spectacular view of the San Francisco Peaks; it is also a good picnic spot. As you continue along, you soon arrive at the roadside community of Parks. Here, there is a country store which has been in operation since about 1910. It's well worth a visit. At this point, you may choose to return to Interstate 40 or continue on for 8 more miles of historic highway. Be advised that the 8 miles are on a gravelled road.

To continue east, follow the road as it merges onto an earlier alignment of Route 66. From the time it was first built in the early 1930s, Route 66 was constantly improved and realigned. At this point, you can park and walk on a 3/4 mile long section of abandoned Route 66. Let your imagination take you back in time on this stretch of "ghost road." East of here, the gravelled road, which was once paved, served highway travelers from 1931 until it was bypassed in 1941. Here you will drive over the highest point along Route 66 at 7,300 feet above sea level. The road then descends into beautiful Brannigan Park. The historic residences on each side of the road are on private property, so please drive slowly and respect the landowner's privacy. Soon after leaving Brannigan Park, you pass out of the Kaibab National Forest, and the officially designated portion of Route 66 ends near the I-40 frontage road. You will return to the interstate here.

Length: 22 miles one way

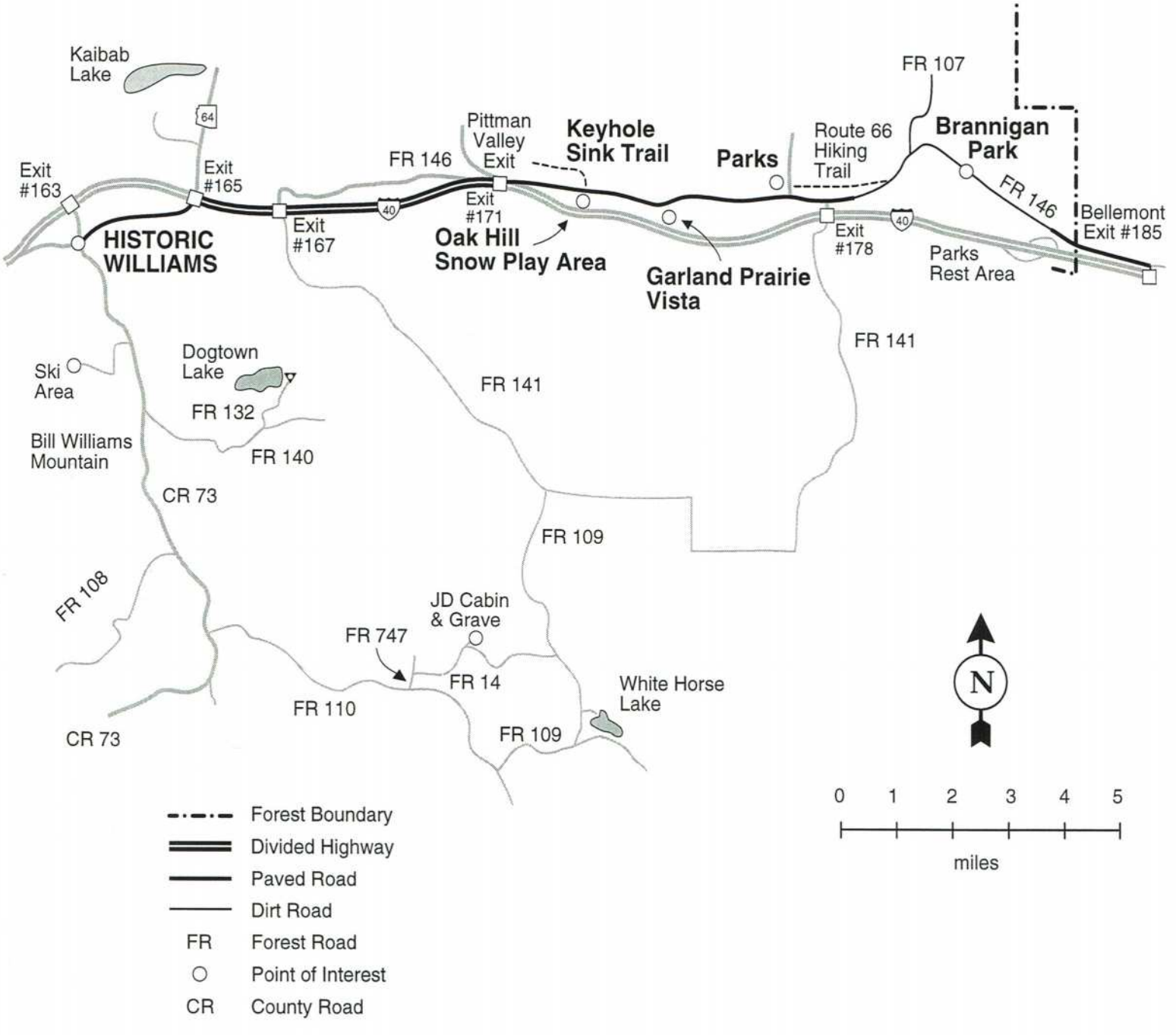
Road Conditions: Paved and gravel surfaced, suitable for sedans

Driving Time: 1 - 1.5 hours, round trip

Recommended Season: Year-round

Access: Historic Route 66 may be accessed from either the east or the west. It runs roughly parallel to Interstate 40. From the west, begin in the historic district of downtown Williams; go east to Interstate 40, and continue east on I-40 to the Pittman Valley interchange. After exiting, turn left, go over the highway, and then turn right onto historic Route 66. Follow this road to the forest boundary and the end of the National Historic portion of Route 66. Coming from Flagstaff headed west, take the Bellemont exit and go west on the frontage road. The forest boundary and beginning of the designated historic route intersects the frontage road about 1 mile west of the interchange.

Historic Route 66



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SIGHTSEEING

BULL BASIN ROAD

Attractions: This route provides outstanding views of Kendrick Mountain, the highest peak in Kaibab National Forest (10,400 feet). Initially, it leads through a mixed environment of prairie, scattered ponderosa pine, and some pinyon-juniper woodland, providing good views of Kendrick to the east. After turning on FR 90, the route climbs into a ponderosa pine forest and passes through several small open grasslands, offering views of the north and northwest sides of the mountain. Vistas back to the west are panoramic. The route ends at one of the best close-up views of the north slopes of Kendrick Mountain, at Bull Basin.

The area bordering FR 90 is also an excellent place to see wildlife. In the fall, it provides splendid views of the aspens on Kendrick Mountain as they turn a brilliant gold.

Length: About 8.5 miles

Road Condition: Cinder surfaced, suitable for passenger vehicles to FR 90. The last 3.5 miles is not surfaced, suitable for high clearance vehicles only.

Driving Time: In dry weather, 4 hrs round trip from Williams. **Season:** Late spring, summer, early fall

Access: From Williams drive east on I-40 to the Parks exit #178. Turn north and cross the interstate. Make a left at the "T" intersection. At the Parks-in-the-Pines General Store, turn right and drive north on FR 141. The sightseeing route starts at the junction of FR 141 and FR 144, about 11 miles north of Parks and about 13 miles east of AZ 64. From here, go north on FR 144 for about 3 miles to FR 90. Turn right on FR 90 and continue about 5 miles to FR 90A. Go right approximately one mile to the Bull Basin trailhead. The area just east of the trailhead is privately owned.

A trip to Bull Basin can easily be combined with a tour of Spring Valley or Government Prairie.

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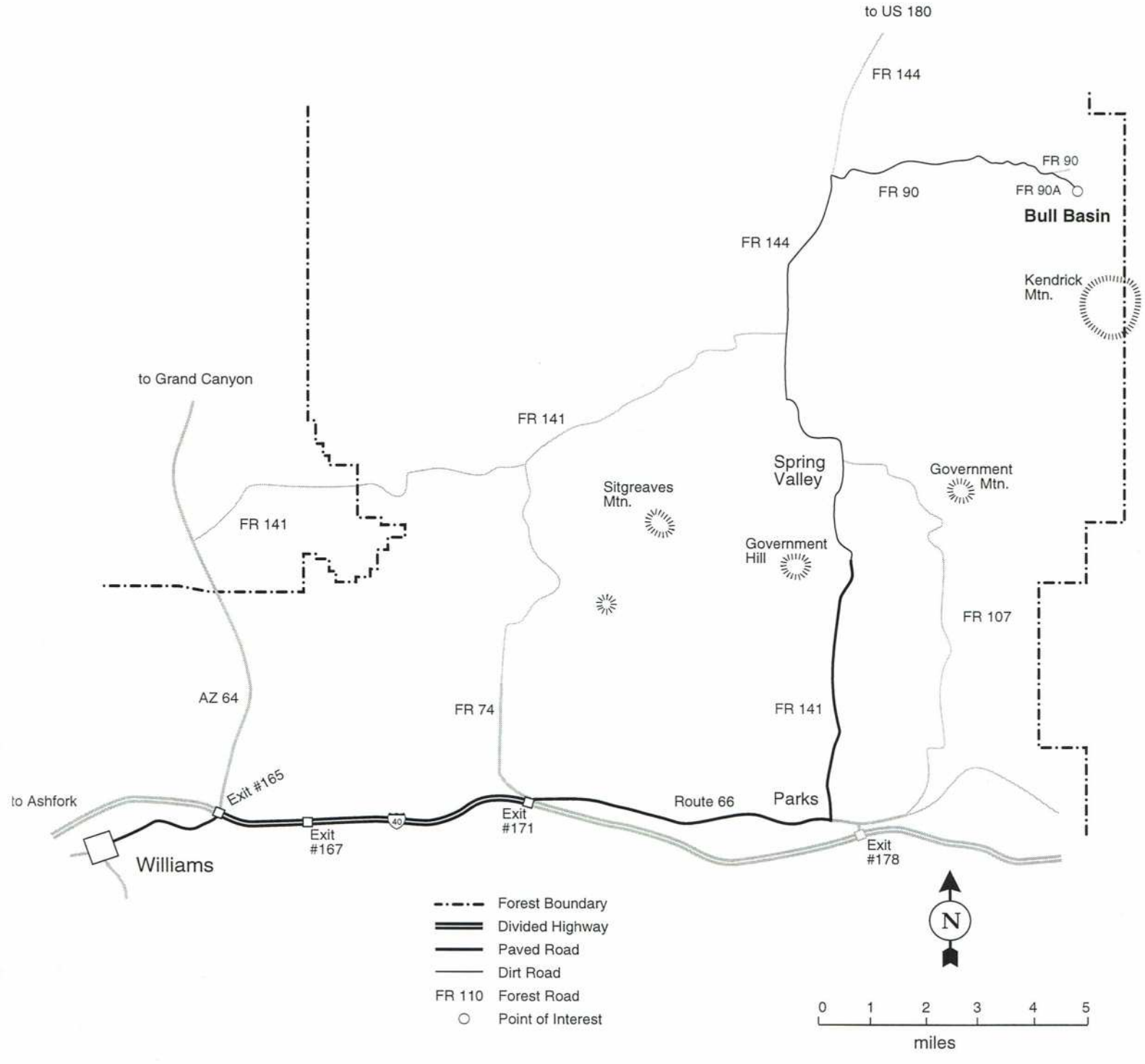
Bull Basin



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SIGHTSEEING

County Road 73 (South Road)

Attractions: In the fall, this road is a good route to take to enjoy the changing colors of the area's aspen groves. Approximately 12 miles south, Vista Point offers excellent views of Mingus Mountain, the Bradshaw Mountains and the Verde Valley. From there, you can continue on to Jerome, a historic mining town, or you can turn right where the pavement ends and continue on to Drake and 89A (Prescott/Ash Fork).

Length: 24 miles to end of pavement

Road Condition: Paved to Drake Road, suitable for passenger vehicles, beyond that point suitable for high clearance vehicles

Driving Time: 2 hours round trip from Williams

Recommended Season: Late spring to fall

Access: Head south out of Williams on 4th Street (CR 73).

ROUND MOUNTAIN LOOP

Attractions: The top of the mountain offers broad scenic views of the surrounding area, and the road leading there takes you through all types of vegetation along the way (pine, oak, aspen and grassland). The drive is rugged, but once you reach the top, you'll have an excellent view of Sycamore Canyon Wilderness.

Length: 24 miles

Road Condition: Gravel, passable in dry weather only. High clearance vehicles only.

Driving Time: 4 hrs round trip from Williams

Recommended Season: Late spring to fall

Access: Head south of Williams on 4th Street. Turn left onto FR 110 to the junction of FR 105. Turn right and proceed on FR 105. Go right on FR 138 and left on FR 138A to Round Mountain. Return to FR 105 by turning left off FR 138A to FR 138.Turn right on FR 105 and right again on FR 354. FR 354 finally ties into the County Road 73 near Summit Mountain.

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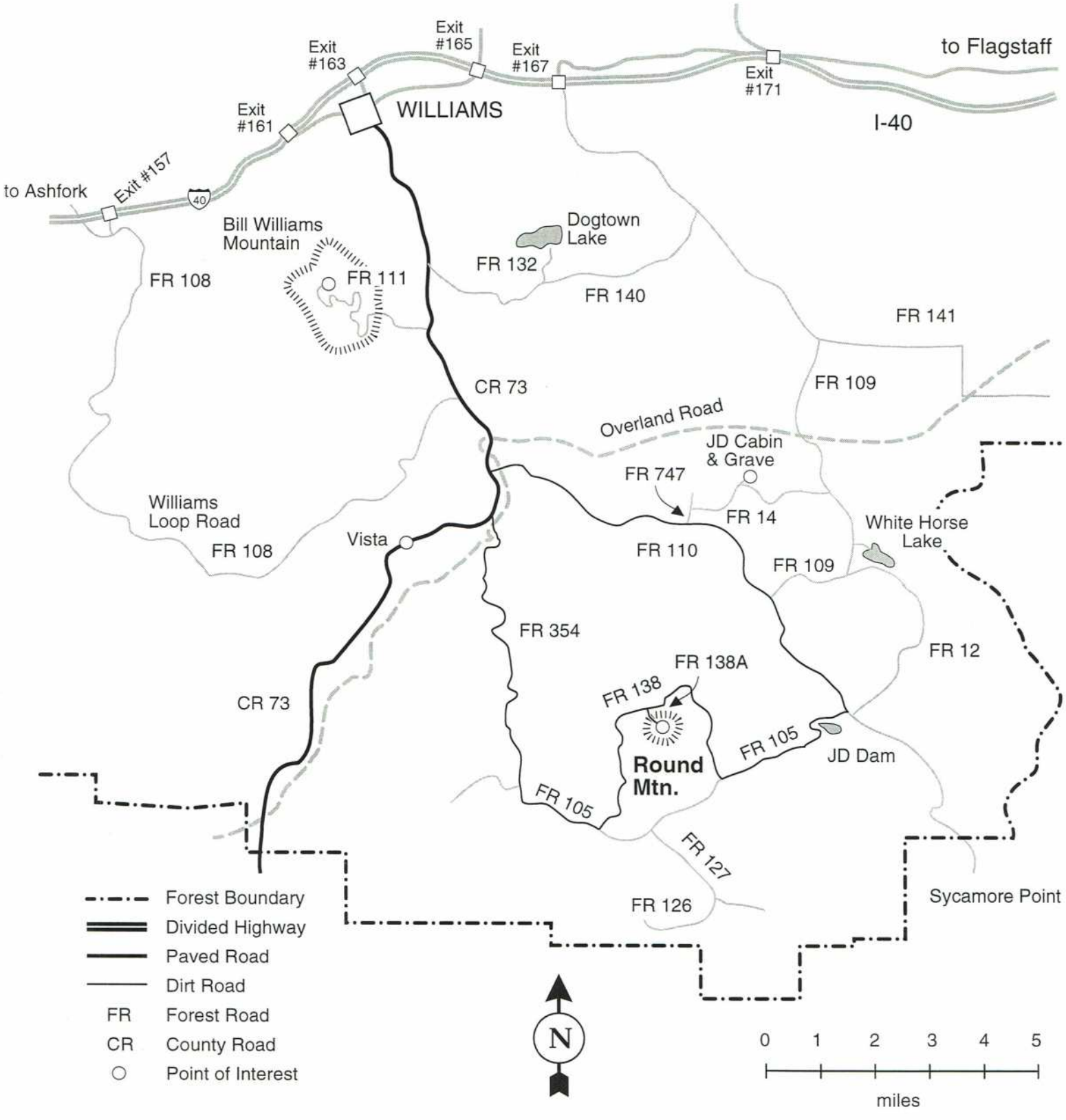
County Road 73 & Round Mountain Loop



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SIGHTSEEING

GARLAND PRAIRIE ROAD

Attractions: The western end of this route traverses a portion of ponderosa pine forest. The eastern part travels through Garland Prairie, one of the two largest prairies on the district. Pronghorn antelope may be found in Garland Prairie in the summer months, as this is part of their summer range. Panoramic views of the surrounding area can be seen from here.

Length: 21 miles **Road condition:** Cinder surfaced, suitable for passenger vehicles

Driving Time: 2 to 3 hours round trip **Recommended Season:** Spring through fall

Access: Garland Prairie Road (FR 141) begins and ends at I-40. The western end leaves south of I-40 at the Garland Prairie Road exit #167 about 4 miles east of Williams. The eastern end leaves south of I-40 at the Parks exit #178 near Parks.

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INTERSTATE 40

Attractions: From its point of entry on the western edge of the forest, I-40 passes through pinyon and juniper woodlands as it climbs into the ponderosa pine stands of the forest's higher elevations. Along the way it passes through a number of broad open spaces such as Garland Prairie.

Davenport Lake, on the western side of the forest, can be a place of special interest. In the spring when it is full of water, ducks and other waterfowl are common on the lake. Deer and elk may also be seen drinking from it in the early morning or evening. As the lake dries out in the summer, it is not unusual to see deer and elk grazing in the open green meadow left by the receding lake.

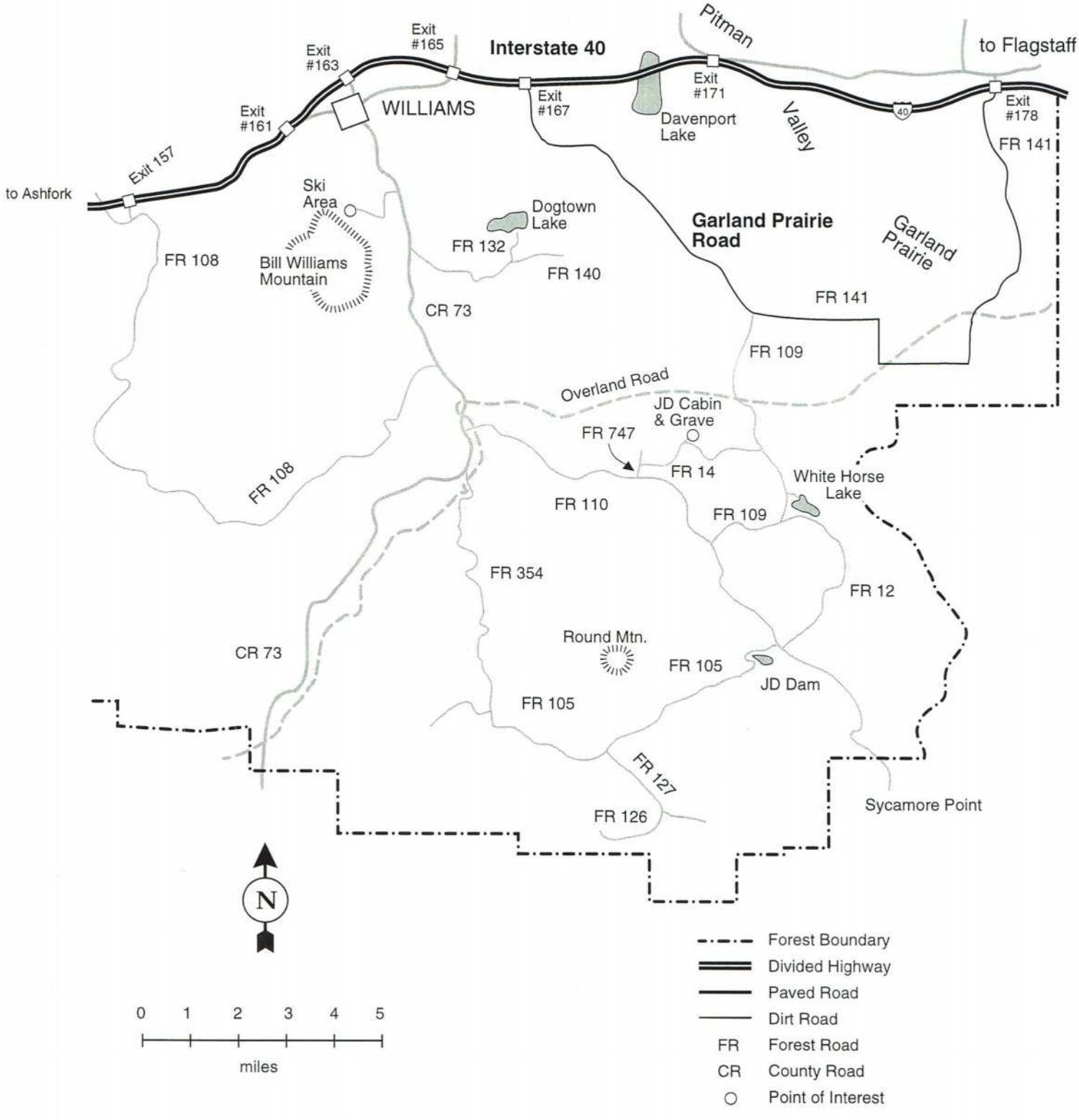
Sitgreaves Mountain is easily seen to the north of the highway, and good views of Kendrick Mountain and the San Francisco Peaks are noticeable in the distance.

Length: 35 miles **Road Condition:** Paved, suitable for passenger vehicles

Driving Time: 1.0 hour **Recommended Season:** Year -round

Access: Interstate 40 crosses through northern Arizona, traversing the Williams Ranger District in an east/west direction. It enters the forest about 1 mile east of the town of Ash Fork, and continues east towards Flagstaff for about 35 miles before leaving the forest.

Garland Prairie Road and Interstate 40



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GOVERNMENT PRAIRIE ROAD

Attractions: This route passes through the heart of Government Prairie, a broad expanse of grassland that stands out in stark contrast to the surrounding forest. The area is dotted with hills covered with grass rather than shrubs or trees, a feature unique in this primarily forested area. Sometimes during the summer it is possible to see pronghorn antelope grazing on the slopes of these hills or in the wide open spaces between them. This road offers superb views of the San Francisco Peaks to the east and to the north one can see Kendrick Mountain, the tallest peak in the Kaibab National Forest at 10,400 feet.

Please note that Government Prairie is closed to motorized vehicle travel, except on numbered roads, to protect the area's fragile soil, especially on the hills. Past vehicle use in certain parts of this area has resulted in damage to hillside soil and increased erosion.

Length: 8.5 miles

Road Condition: Cinder surfaced, suitable for passenger vehicles for about 4 miles. The last 4.5 miles is not surfaced. Suitable for high clearance vehicles in dry weather only.

Driving Time: 4 hrs round trip from Williams. **Recommended Season:** Late spring, summer, early fall

Access: Government Prairie Road (FR 107) is a north-south travel route whose southern access is located at its junction with historic Route 66 (located east of Williams on I-40 off the Parks exit #178). The road travels north for around 8.5 miles before it ends at FR 141 near Spring Valley. This tour is easily combined with the Bull Basin trip, and/or the tour of Spring Valley.

SPRING VALLEY ROAD

Attractions: The road passes through a pinyon-juniper woodland as it enters the forest from the west. Within a few miles, the vegetation changes to ponderosa pine and the north side of Sitgreaves Mountain and its larger neighbor to the east, Kendrick Mountain, come into view. The road then angles south through Spring Valley, maintaining good views of Sitgreaves Mountain all the way. This area contains a number of small but scenic aspen groves. South of Sanderson Pass, the road traverses the west edge of Government prairie with outstanding views of the San Francisco Peaks to the east, near Flagstaff.

Length: 23 miles

Road Condition: Cinder surfaced, suitable for passenger vehicles

Driving Time: 4 hrs round trip from Williams. **Recommended Season:** Late spring, summer, early fall

Access: Spring Valley Road is the local name for the portion of Forest Road 141 that lies north of I-40. The west end intersects with State Route 64 about 5.5 miles north of I-40; the east end joins historic Route 66 at Parks.

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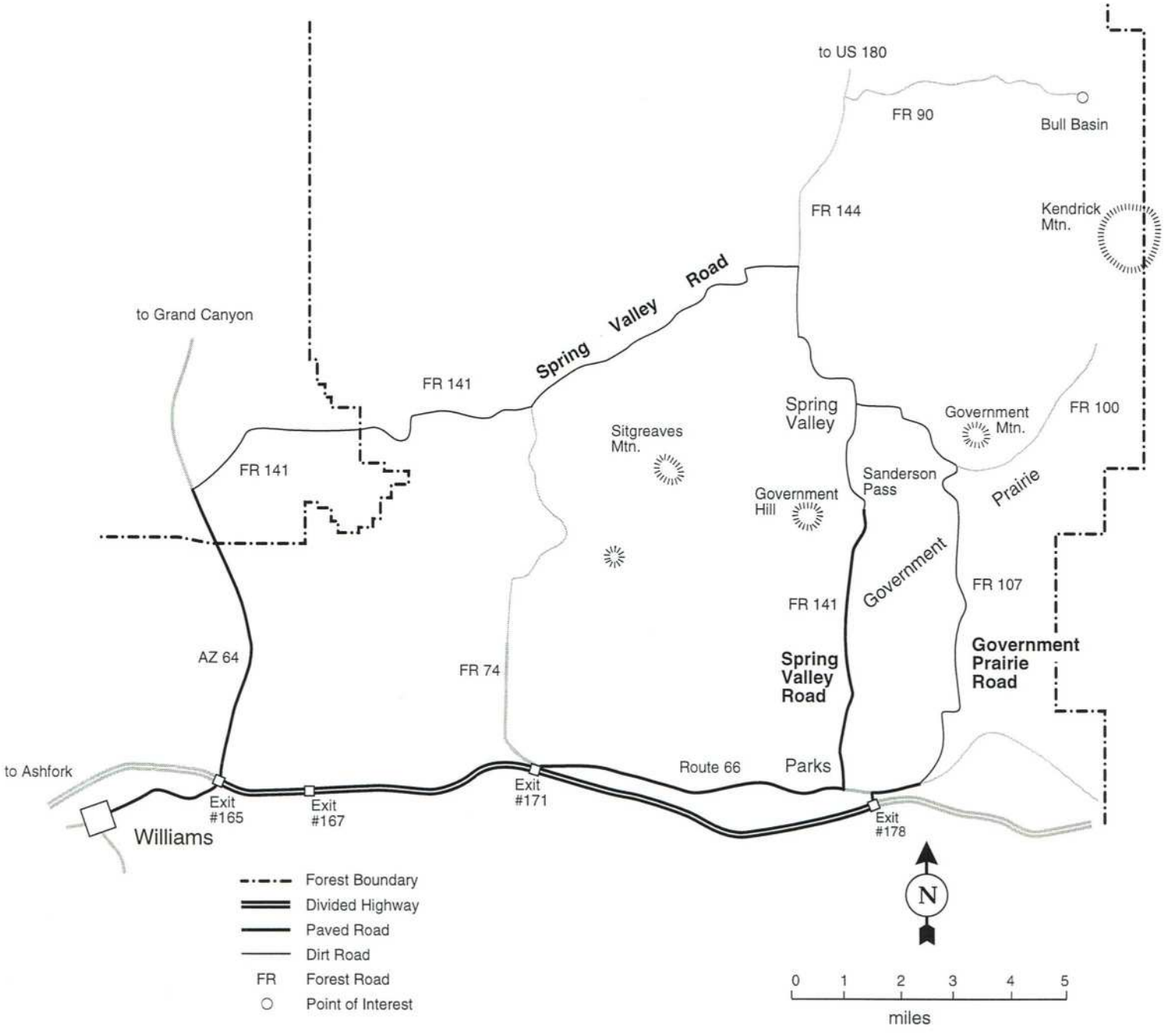
Government Prairie Road & Spring Valley Road



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SIGHTSEEING

WILLIAMS LOOP ROAD (FR 108)

Attractions: This route offers some good wildlife watching and good views of Bill Williams Mountain. Coleman Lake is a waterfowl nesting area and a good area for birding. The Loop Road takes you there by way of a route that passes through scenic forests and wide open prairies.

Length: 16 miles **Road Condition:** Cinder surfaced, suitable for passenger vehicles

Driving Time: 3 hrs round trip from Williams. **Recommended Season:** Late spring to fall

Access: Head south on CR 73 (Fourth Street) from Williams 7 miles, turn right on FR 108 and follow the signs. For access from the west, use Interstate 40 to Devil Dog Interchange exit #157, go under the Interstate to Road 108 and turn left. **This road is closed in winter.**

BILL WILLIAMS MOUNTAIN ROAD (FR 111)

Attractions: This is a scenic route right to the top of the mountain. It is a good trip to take in the fall when the leaves are changing. Once on top, you have excellent views of the San Francisco Peaks, the Prescott/Chino Valley areas, and the Grand Canyon to the north.

Length: 6 miles **Road Condition:** Cinder surfaced, suitable for high clearance vehicles in dry weather only. Hairpin turns.

Driving Time: 2.5 hrs round trip from Williams. **Recommended Season:** Late spring to fall

Access: Take the CR 73 (Fourth Street) from Williams south to FR 111 and turn right. **This road is closed in winter.**

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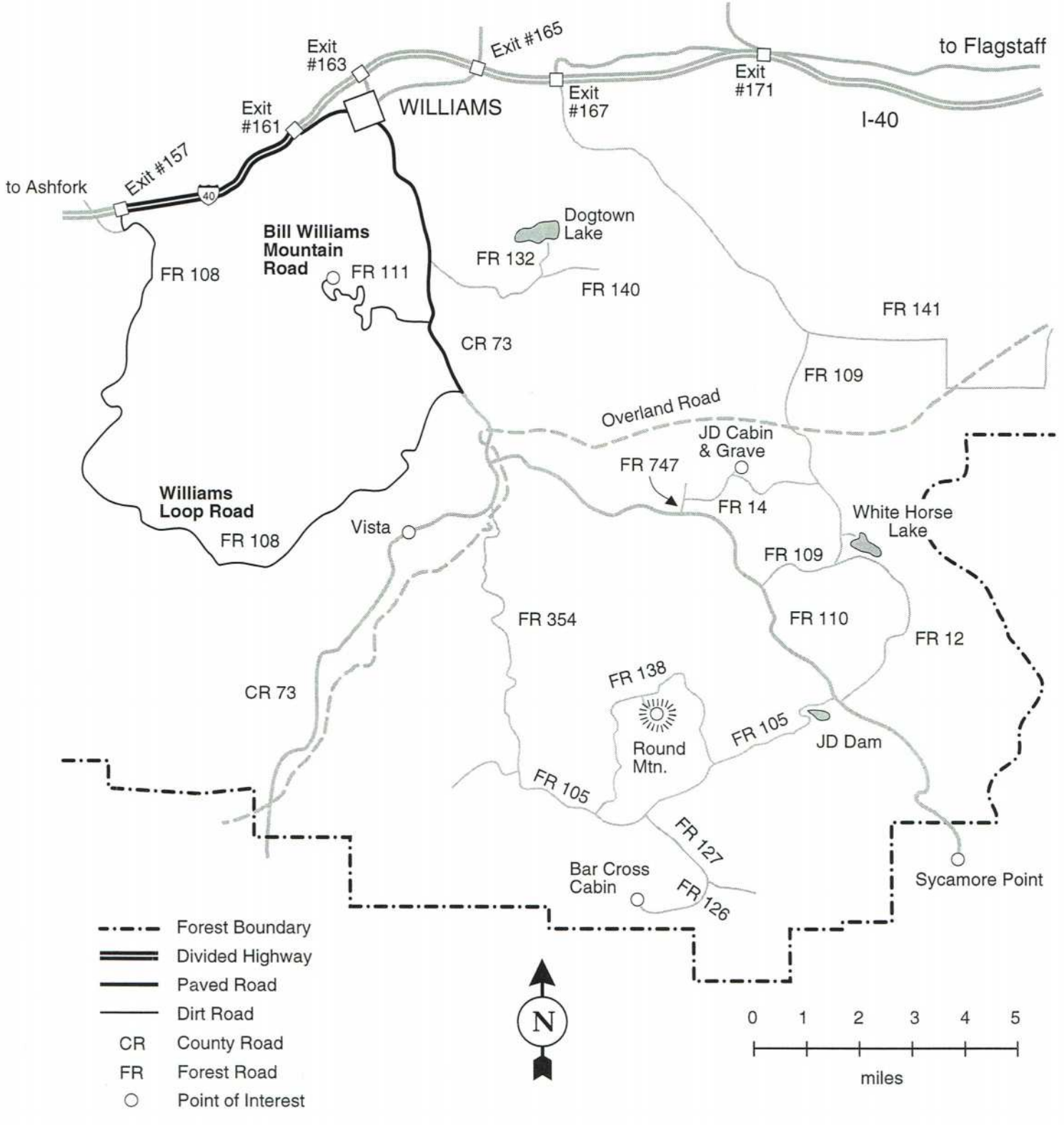
Williams Loop Road, Bill Williams Mountain Road & Twin Springs Road



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TRAILS

DAVENPORT HILL TRAIL #63

Attractions: The trail provides visitors to Dogtown Lake with an interesting, scenic day hike to the top of Davenport Hill and back. The higher elevation of the hill (7805 feet) and the northern exposure of the trail provide hikers with a cool climatic change and also a change in vegetation from ponderosa pine to Douglas fir/white fir and oak near the summit. From the trail, you can enjoy scenic views of Dogtown Lake and the country around Williams.

Length: 2.5 miles one way **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Light

Trailhead Location: The Davenport Hill Trail begins at the east end of the Ponderosa Trail.

Hiking Time: About 2 hours round trip.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles. Trail designed for day hikers, not recommended for horses.

Recommended Season: Spring to early fall.

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mountain, (forest recreation map may also be useful; may be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

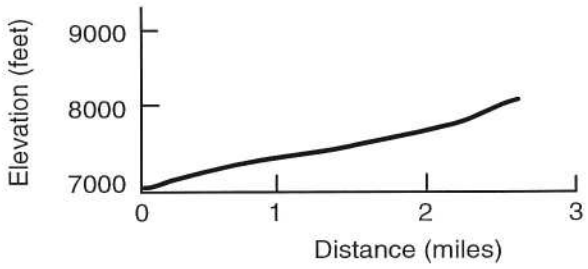
Access: In Williams, turn south on Fourth Street (CR73) and go about 4 miles to FR 140. Turn east (left) onto FR 140 and follow about 3 miles to FR 132; turn north (left) onto FR 132 and go to the campground (about one mile). From the boat ramp parking area, walk the Ponderosa Trail to the east end of the loop.

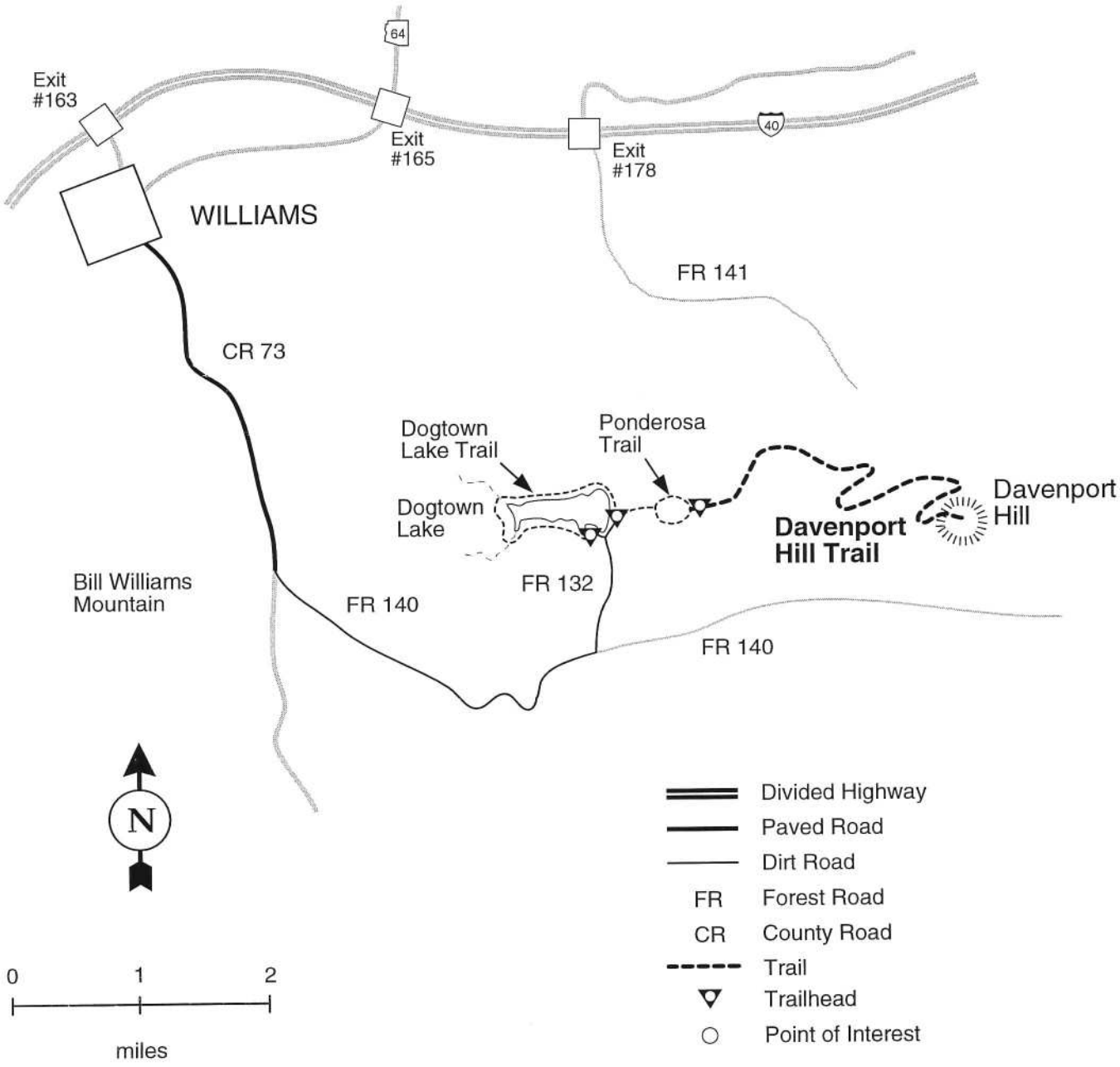
Travel Time: About 20 minutes from Williams to start of trail.

Road Condition: Paved and all-weather roads, suitable for passenger vehicles.

Trail Layout: The trail follows Dogtown Wash about 0.3 mile and then climbs to a flat, where it follows an old logging road before turning north toward Davenport Hill. The trail ascends the hill at a gradual 8% grade to the top. Follow the same trail back to the start.

Davenport Hill Trail #63





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DOGTOWN LAKE TRAIL #744

Attractions: This trail provides visitors a pleasant route for a stroll around the lake. Another purpose for the trail is to prevent trampling damage to the immediate lake shore. The trail is maintained by the Williams Rotary Club.

Length: 1.8 miles **Rating:** Easy. Trail is fairly flat. **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 7100 feet. Trail starts just west of the picnic area at Dogtown Lake.

Hiking Time: 0.5 hour.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles. Horses are not permitted in Dogtown Campground.

Recommended Season: Early spring to early winter.

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mountain. (Forest map may also be useful; may be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

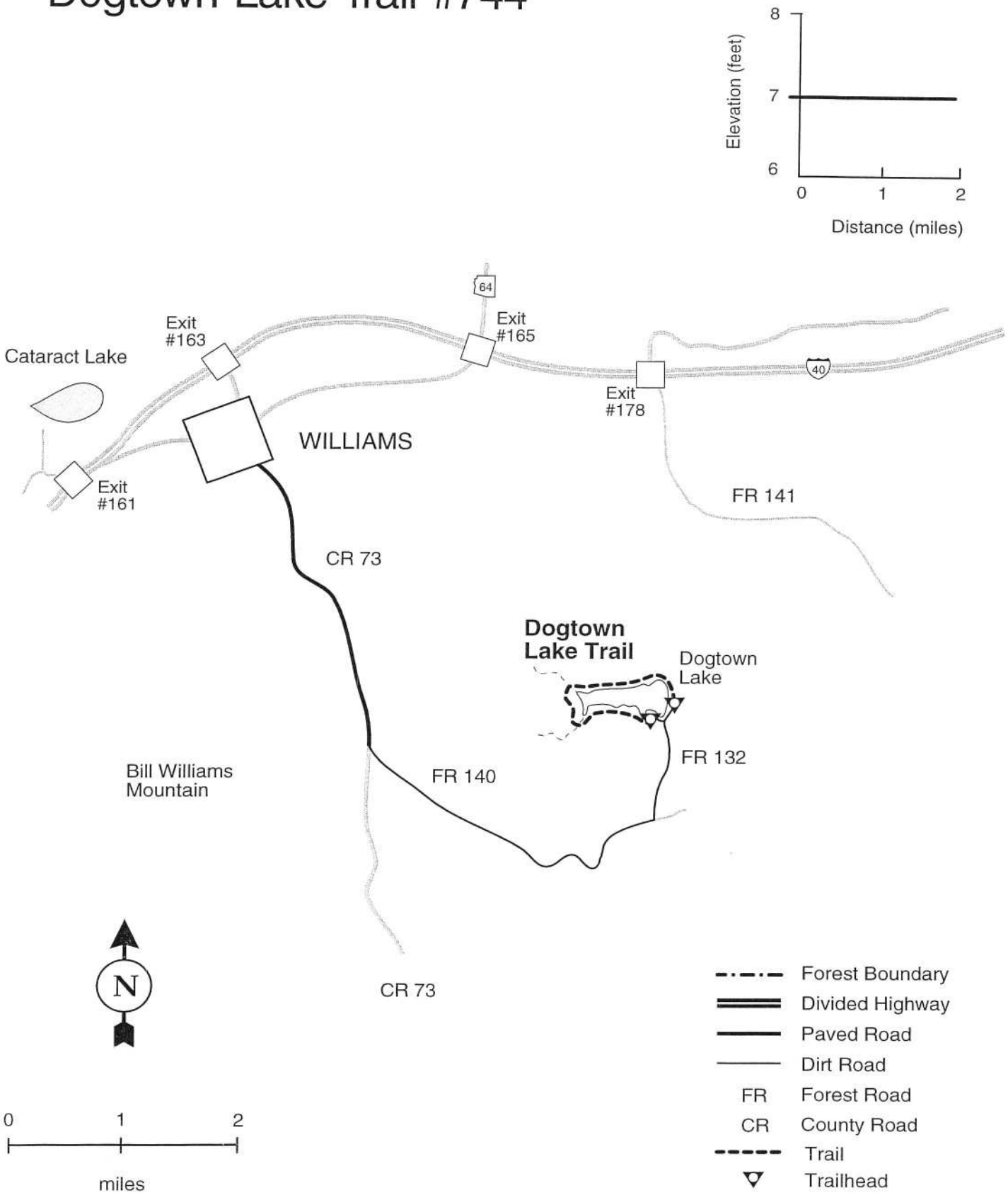
Access: From Williams, take Fourth Street (CR73) south about 4 miles to the junction with Forest Road 140. Turn east (left) and go about 3 miles to FR 132; turn north (left) onto FR 132 and continue about one mile to the Dogtown Recreation Area.

Travel Time: About 20 minutes from Williams to the picnic area.

Road Condition: Paved and gravelled roads suitable for passenger vehicles. FR 140 is a high-use road and can become rough during peak season

Trail Layout: The trail follows an old road on the south shore, then goes around a cove, back through the fence and across the west end of the lake.

Dogtown Lake Trail #744



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BEALE WAGON ROAD HISTORIC TRAIL #61

Attractions: This historic trail has as much to offer the modern traveler as it did the ranchers and immigrants of the 1860s and 70s when it was a major interstate road stretching between Ft. Smith, Arkansas and the Colorado River. Broad vistas stretch out across a backdrop of high mountain peaks. Wild turkey, deer, and elk frequent the forests. Red-tailed hawks and antelope are common on the prairies.

Because modern-day roads and development followed the Beale Road (a testament to its enduring usefulness), relatively few stretches of the Beale Wagon Road allow hikers and horseback riders a chance to travel into the past. Two of the best areas are the open grasslands of Government Prairie and dense pinyon-juniper woodlands near Laws Spring. From Laws Spring, hike about 1/4 mile south and east along the marked trail (go left onto the marked trail) to discover a segment of original wagon road. It appears as two rows of rocks about a wagon-width apart.

Length: 19.5 miles one way **Rating:** Easy to Moderate **Use:** Light

Trailhead Location: This historic route is located on the Kaibab Forest, running east-west, primarily across the Chalender Ranger District. It is north of and roughly parallels Interstate 40.

Hiking Time: A variety of access points provide for hikes of varying length and time.

Use Restrictions: Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited on sections of the Beale Road located off of Forest Service roads.

Recommended Season: Late spring, late fall

USGS Map(s): Williams NE, Parks, Wing Mtn. (A Forest map may be useful; they can be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

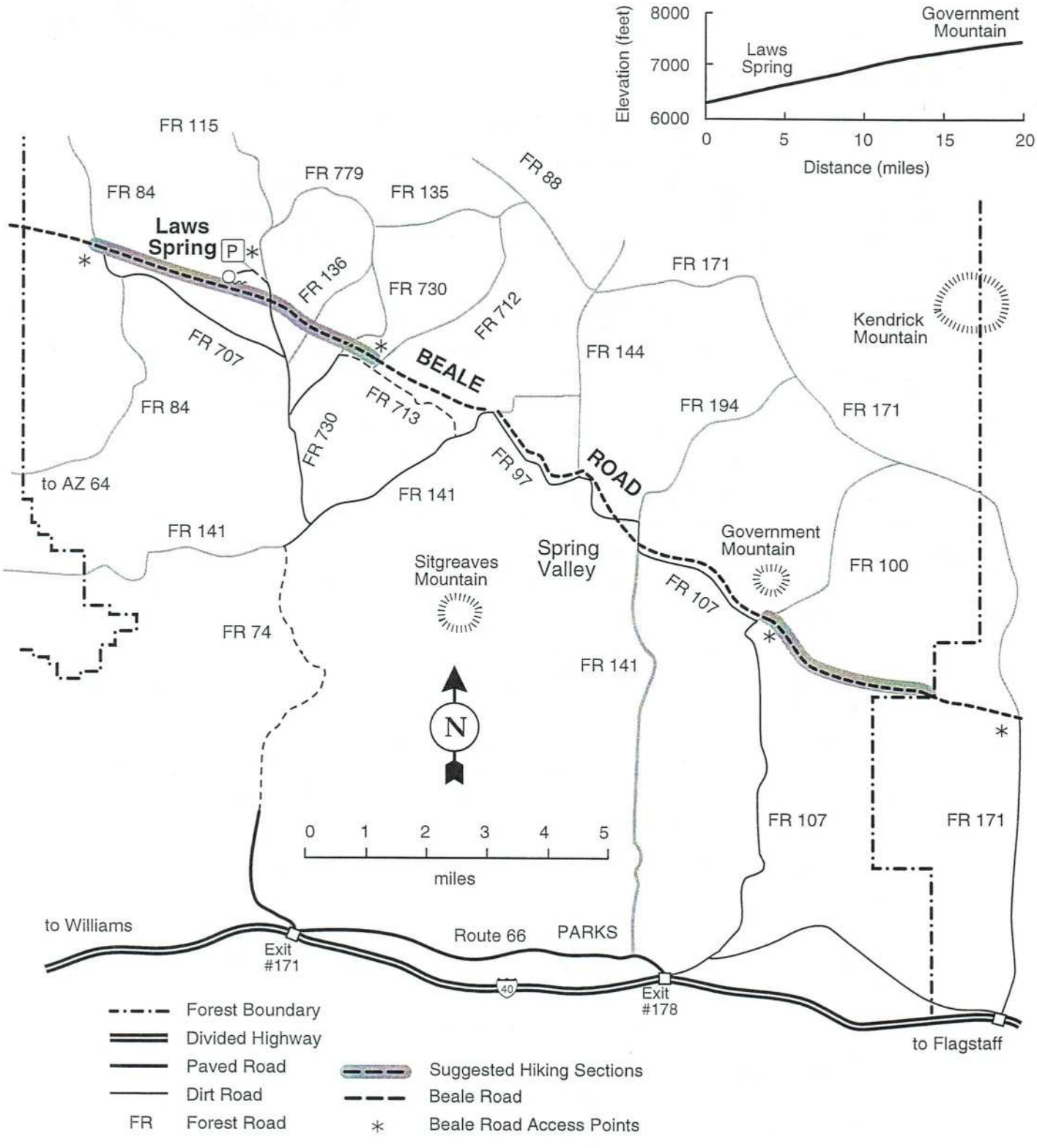
Access: As the accompanying map indicates, there are several points where the Beale Road hiking and equestrian trail is accessible. Laws Spring, with its historic and prehistoric rock carving and original road segment, is one major access point; another is located at the junction of FR 100 and FR 107, about 7 miles north of Parks. This route has been marked across the Kaibab National Forest with closely spaced rock cairns, distinctive brass caps, tree blazes and 4" wood posts. These markings can be found along FRs 141, 107, 97, and 84. Other access points are marked on the ground at the points indicated by asterisk on the accompanying map.

More detailed information on location and access to this trail is available at the Visitor Center.

Road Conditions: About 30 miles of cinder or gravel surfaced roads intersect the Beale Road. These roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

Trail Layout: The Forest Service is developing the Beale Wagon Road into a recreational trail. The route makes use of forest roads and trails which have been marked with rock cairns, brass cap markers, tree blazes, and 4" by 4" wood posts. A treadway has not been cleared on the trail sections, so it can be a challenge to follow. Trailheads, with interpretive signs, are planned, but currently Laws Springs has the only developed parking facility along the trail. The trail sections are open only to hikers and horseback riders. Portions of the historic route that are part of the forest road system may be accessed by any means, including motor vehicles and mountain bicycles.

Beale Wagon Road Historic Trail



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BENHAM TRAIL #38

Attractions: This trail starts in ponderosa pine and oak thickets, and climbs into the mixed conifer forest on Bill Williams Mountain. At several places along the trail the hiker has a good view of the forest below and the distant peaks. Although there is no water in the area, cool temperatures make this an enjoyable trail to hike in the summer.

Length: 4.5 miles one way **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 7265 feet. A wheelchair accessible vault toilet, horsetrailer parking, and corral are available at the trailhead, off CR 73.

Hiking Time: About 5 to 6 hours round trip.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles.

Recommended Season: Late spring through early fall.

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mountain. (Forest Map may also be useful; may be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

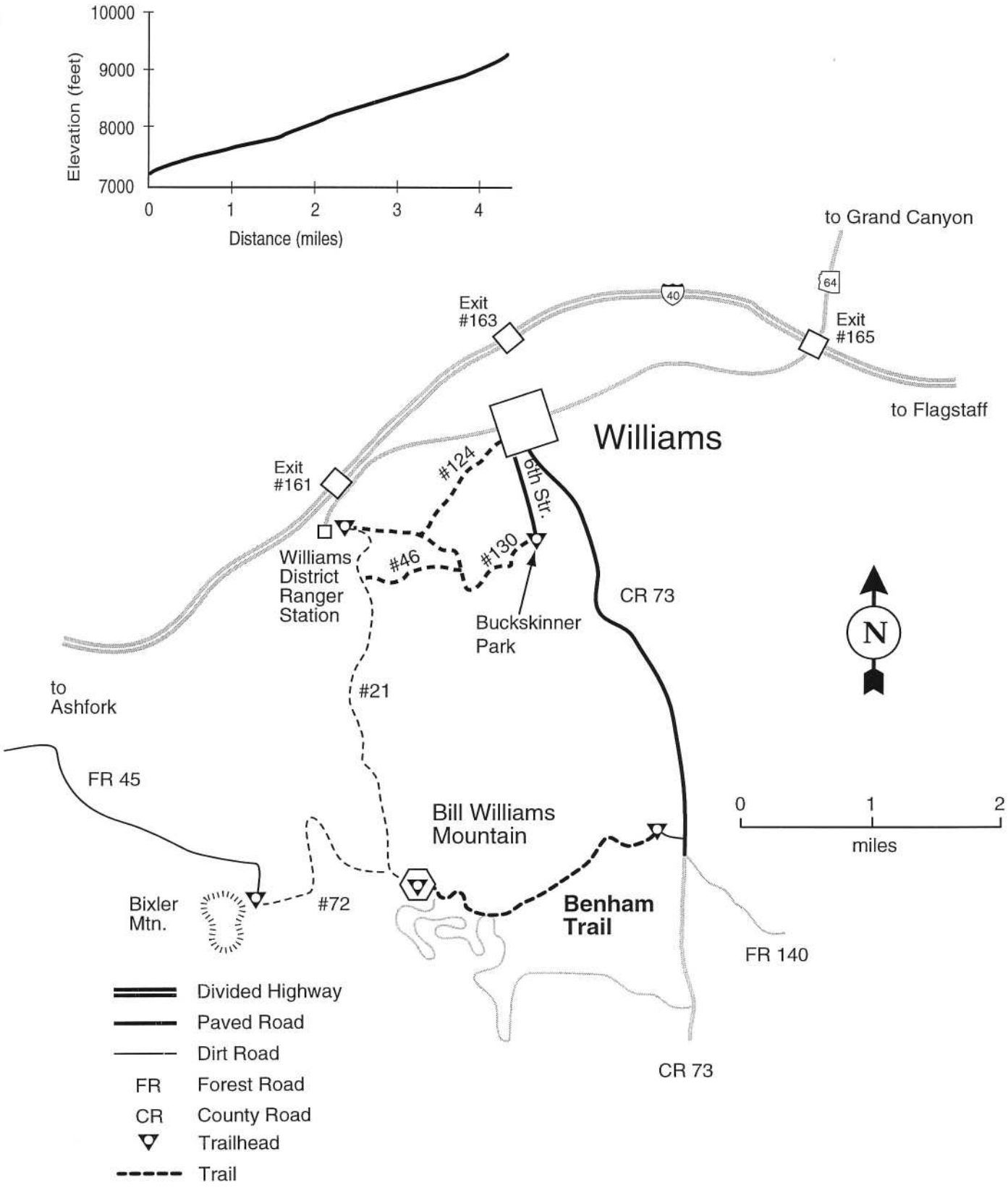
Access: In Williams, turn south on Fourth Street (CR 73) and go about 3.5 miles to FR 140 and turn right (west); proceed about 0.3 mile to the trailhead.

Travel Time: About 15 minutes to trailhead from Williams.

Road Condition: Paved road to trailhead is suitable for passenger vehicles.

Trail Layout: This is a short day hike, with moderately difficult slopes going up the mountain, and easy down-grades coming back to the trailhead. If arrangements have been made for some one to meet the hikers at the top of Bill Williams Mountain, the trail ends there at 9256' (2821M). By leaving a vehicle at the Bill Williams Mountain trailhead and also at the start of Benham Trail, the day-hikers can go up one trail and down the other for a total hike of about 8.5 miles. It is also possible to connect with the Bixler Saddle Trail #72 to make a longer hike.

Benham Trail #38



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BILL WILLIAMS MOUNTAIN TRAIL #21

Attractions: This trail starts in ponderosa pine and oak thickets. As it crosses West Cataract Creek, it goes through stands of aspen and fir carpeted by a dense ground cover of ferns, Oregon grape and Arizona wild rose. At several places on the trail, the hiker has a good view of the valley below and the peaks in the distance. There is no water available along the trail, but cool summer temperatures make this an enjoyable hike.

Bill Williams Mountain marks the traditional boundary of lands inhabited by the early ancestors of the Hopi people. Your respectful use of this area while you are visiting here will be appreciated. This trail was originally built as a "toll road" in 1902. Builder Esau Lamb charged hikers and horseback riders a fee to ride to the top.

Length: 4.0 miles **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 7000 feet. Trail starts at Williams Ranger Station.

Hiking Time: About 5 to 6 hours round trip.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles.

Recommended Season: Late spring to early fall.

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mountain. (Forest map may also be useful; may be purchased at the visitor center.)

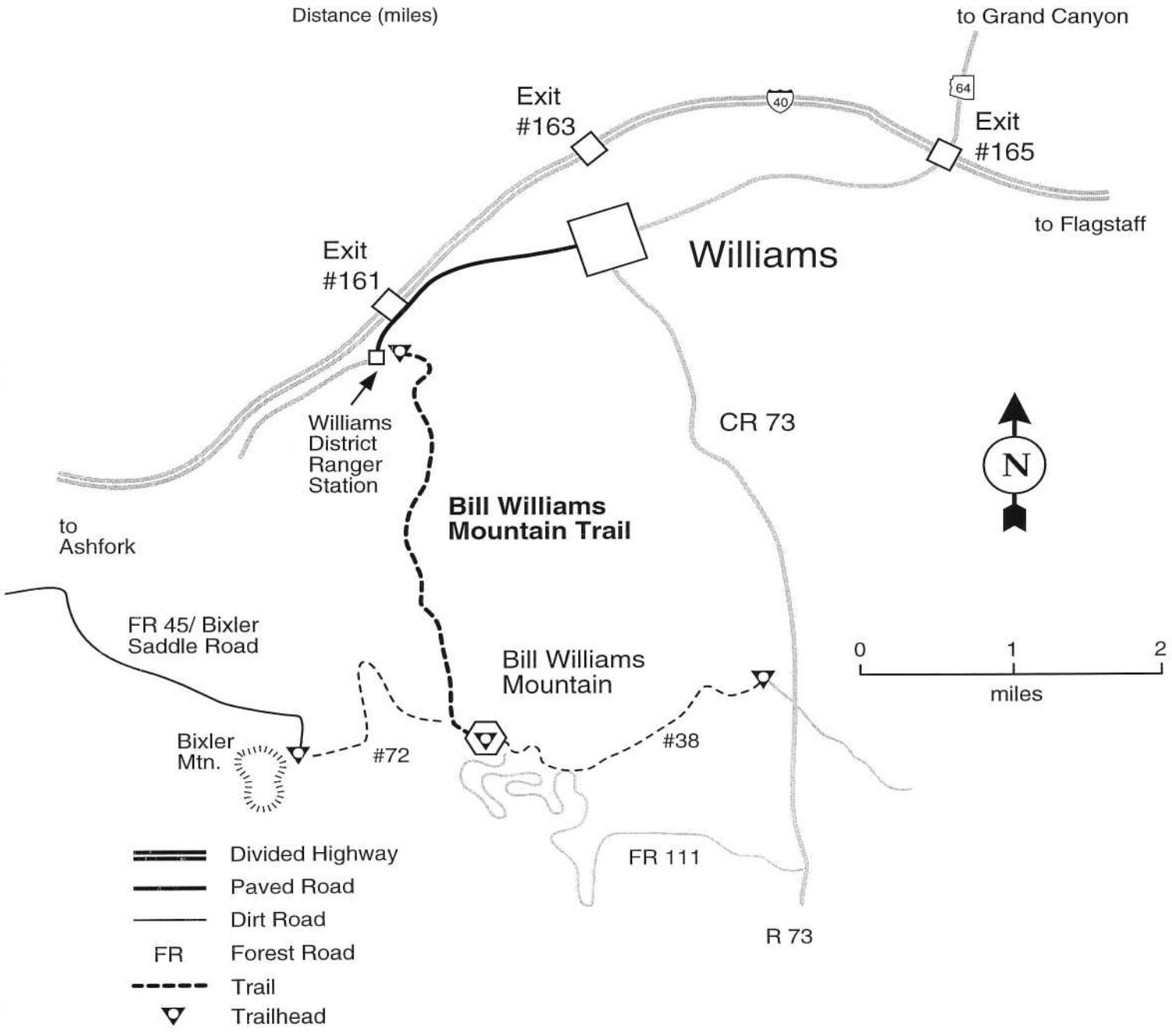
Access: Go west from downtown Williams on Railroad Avenue about one mile; turn left at the sign marking "Williams District Ranger Station" at the top of the hill, and proceed along the frontage road to the turnoff to the Williams Ranger District office. Follow the signs to the trailhead.

Travel Time: About 10 minutes from Williams to the Ranger Station.

Road Condition: Paved roads.

Trail Layout: This is a short (day) hike, with moderately difficult slopes going up the mountain and easy down-grades coming back down. If arrangements can be made for someone to drive to the top of the mountain on FR 111 and meet the hikers, a one way trip is possible. The trail ends near the end of the road at 9256 feet. By leaving a vehicle at Camp Clover and also at the start of Benham Trail, day-hikers can go up one trail and down the other for a total hike of about 8.5 miles. It is also possible to connect with the Bixler Saddle Trail #72, the Buckskinner Trail #130 via the Clover Spring Loop #46, or the City of Williams Link Trail #124.

Bill Williams Mountain Trail #21



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BIXLER SADDLE TRAIL # 72

Attractions: This trail starts at Bixler Saddle, at an elevation of 7700 feet, on the west side of Bill Williams Mountain. From that point, it climbs through stands of ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, Douglas fir, white fir and aspen to a junction with the Bill Williams Trail at an elevation of 8740 feet. The trail wanders among some majestic rock formations as it traverses the west slope of Bill Williams Mountain and provides good views of the forested slopes and the broad grasslands to the west and south. There is no water available along the trail but cool summer temperatures make this an enjoyable hike.

Length: 2.0 Miles one way **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Bixler Saddle Trailhead is located at 7700' (2415M), just off Bixler Saddle Road.

Hiking Time: About 2.5 to 3 hours round trip.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles.

Recommended Season: Late spring to early fall.

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mountain. Since this is a new trail, it will not be shown on most maps. (A Forest map may be useful; they can be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

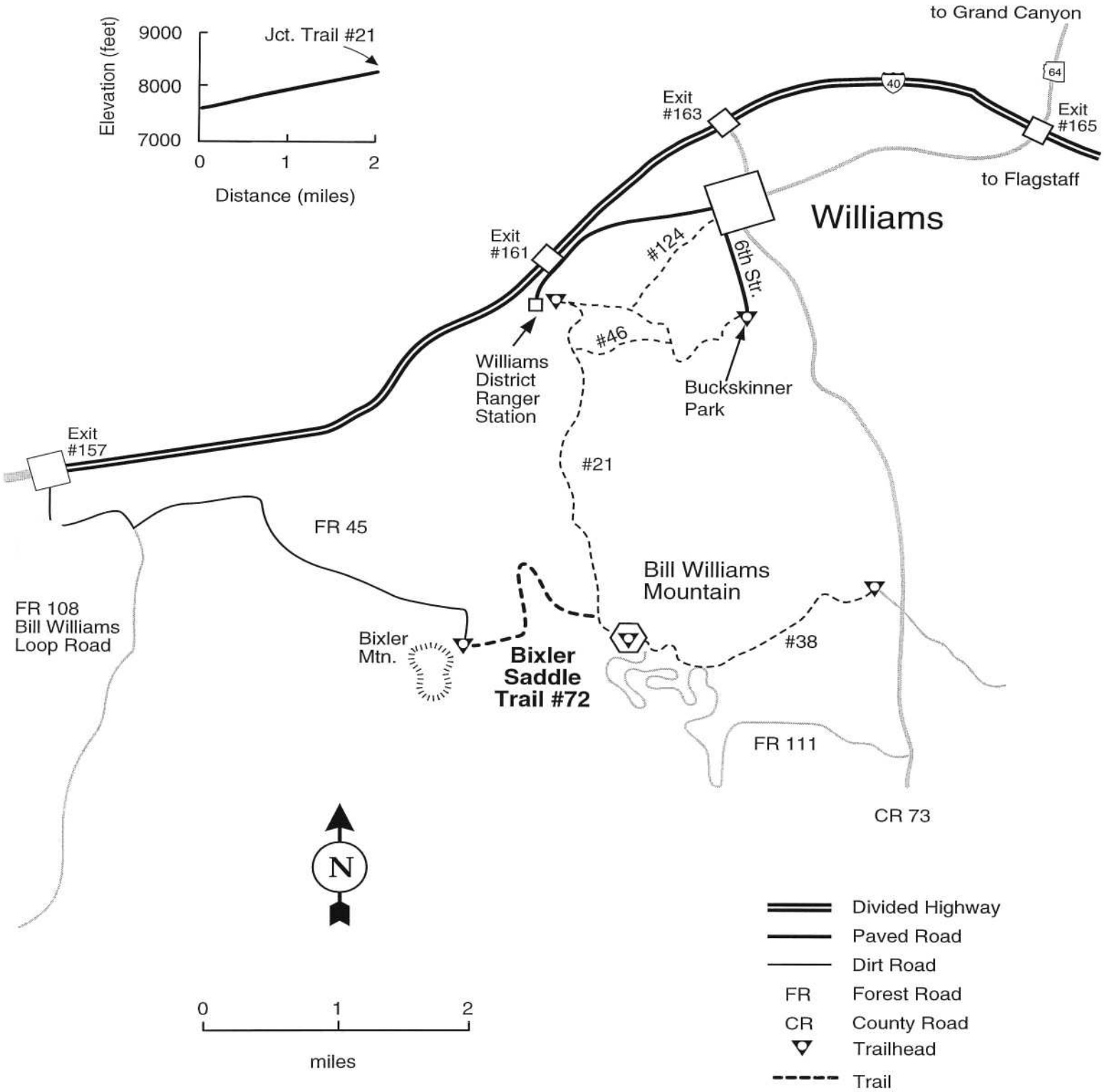
Access: From Williams, take I-40 west to the Devil Dog Interchange. Turn south on FR 108 and follow approximately 1 mile and turn east (left) on Road 45, and continue for approximately 2 miles to the trailhead in the saddle.

Travel Time: About 35 minutes from Williams to the trailhead.

Road Conditions: FR 45 Is very rough and suitable for high clearance vehicles only. You may choose to park about halfway up FR 45 if the road becomes too rough and take a longer hike up the road to the trailhead.

Trail Layout: This is a short day hike or it can be combined as a side trip from the Bill Williams Trail. If arrangements are made ahead of time, someone can meet hikers at the Bill Williams or Benham trailheads for a one way trip.

Bixler Saddle Trail #72



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TRAILS

BUCKSKINNER TRAIL #130 , CLOVER SPRING LOOP #46, CITY OF WILLIAMS LINK TRAIL #124

Attractions: These trails are located on the lower slopes of Bill Williams Mountain. They offer the hiker access to the mountain and the Bill Williams Mountain Trail from the City of Williams and, if used together, provide opportunities for short loop walks through the forest of pine and oak. Clover Spring is a small seep once developed as a domestic water supply which now provides water to wildlife. (Water from this spring may not be safe for human consumption.)

Length:	Buckskinner - 1 mile	**Rating:** Moderate	**Use:** Moderate
	Clover Loop - 1 mile	Moderate	Moderate
	City of Williams Link - 1 mile	Easy	Moderate

Trailhead Location: Buckskinner Park at the south end of 6th Street in Williams and the west end of Sheridan Street in Williams.

Hiking Time: 1 to 2 hours depending upon the route selected.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicle.

Recommended Season: Late spring to late fall

USGS Map(s): Williams South

Access: Buckskinner Trail #130 - In the city of Williams go to the south end of 6th Street and follow the signs to Buckskinner Park. The trail begins just southwest of the picnic shelters.

City of Williams Link Trail #124 - The trail begins at the west end of Sheridan Street in the southwest section of the City of Williams. Park on the street. The trailhead is not marked. The first few hundred yards of the trail crosses private property. Please respect the owner's property.

Travel Time: About 5 minutes from downtown Williams.

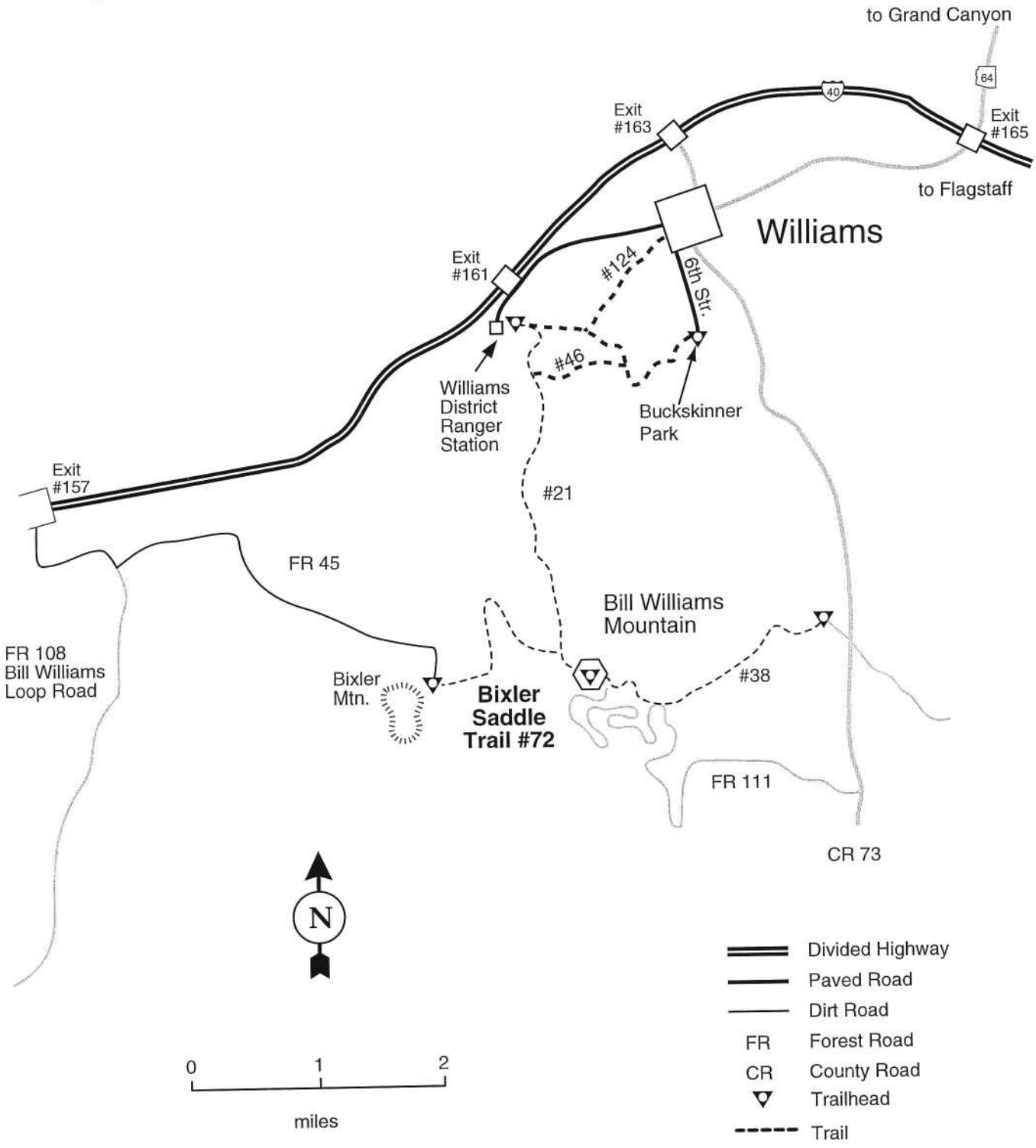
Road Conditions: Paved road and all-weather gravelled road suitable for passenger vehicles.

Trail Layout: The well defined trails can be used to create a variety of short hikes or to access the Bill Williams Mountain Trail for a longer hike to the top of Bill Williams Mountain. A suggested short hike is to begin at Buckskinner Park and walk the Buckskinner Trail to the Clover Spring Loop Trail, follow this loop trail (connected by a section of the Bill Williams Mountain Trail) around clockwise, and return to Buckskinner Park. This 2 mile hike will take about one hour to walk.

Buckskinner Trail #130

Clover Spring Loop #46

City of Williams Link Trail #124



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TRAILS

BULL BASIN TRAIL #40 & CONNECTOR TRAIL # 80

Attractions: The Bull Basin Trail starts at a trailhead located off FR 90 A. Ascending Kendrick Mountain's north slope, it switchbacks up to a large meadow. The trail then turns south along a rocky ridge to a flat area where there is a spring, and on to the old Kendrick Lookout Cabin. That one room log structure, built in the early 1900s, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Be sure to go up to the lookout to enjoy the view. The two springs along the trail are not reliable and not recommended for drinking.

Length: Bull Basin: 4.5 Miles one way
Connector: 1 Mile one way

Rating: Bull Basin: Moderate
Connector: Easy

Use: Light

Trailhead Location: Bull Basin Trailhead is located at 7900' (2415M), just off Forest Road 90A. The Connector Trail connects the Bull Basin Trail and the Pumpkin Trail.

Hiking Time: About 5 to 6 hours round trip to the top of Kendrick Mountain (10,120'/3005M), or to the trailhead of Kendrick Mountain Trail . If a loop is made using the Bull Basin Trail, the Pumpkin Trail and the Connector Trail, travel time will run about 7 hours.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles or mechanized (e.g. mountain bikes) vehicles. Hiking or horseback only.

Recommended Season: Late spring to early fall.

USGS Map(s): Moritz Ridge-Kendrick. (A Forest map may also be useful; they can be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

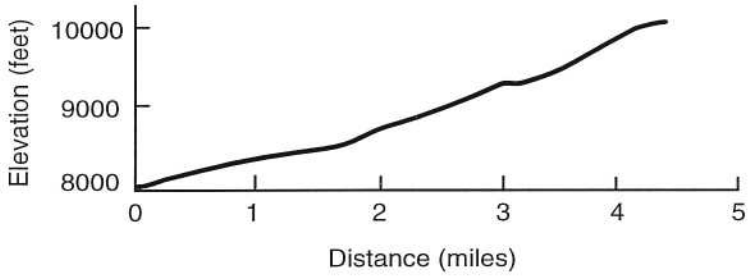
Access: From Williams, take I-40 east to the Parks exit #178. Turn left (north) across the overpass, take a left (west) at the "T" intersection and turn right (north) at the Parks store onto FR 141. Continue north on FR 141 for about 11 miles to FR 144. Follow FR 144 about 4 miles and turn right on FR 90. Go about 5 miles to FR 90A, (see note under Road Conditions, below) and follow this to the trailhead near some private land.

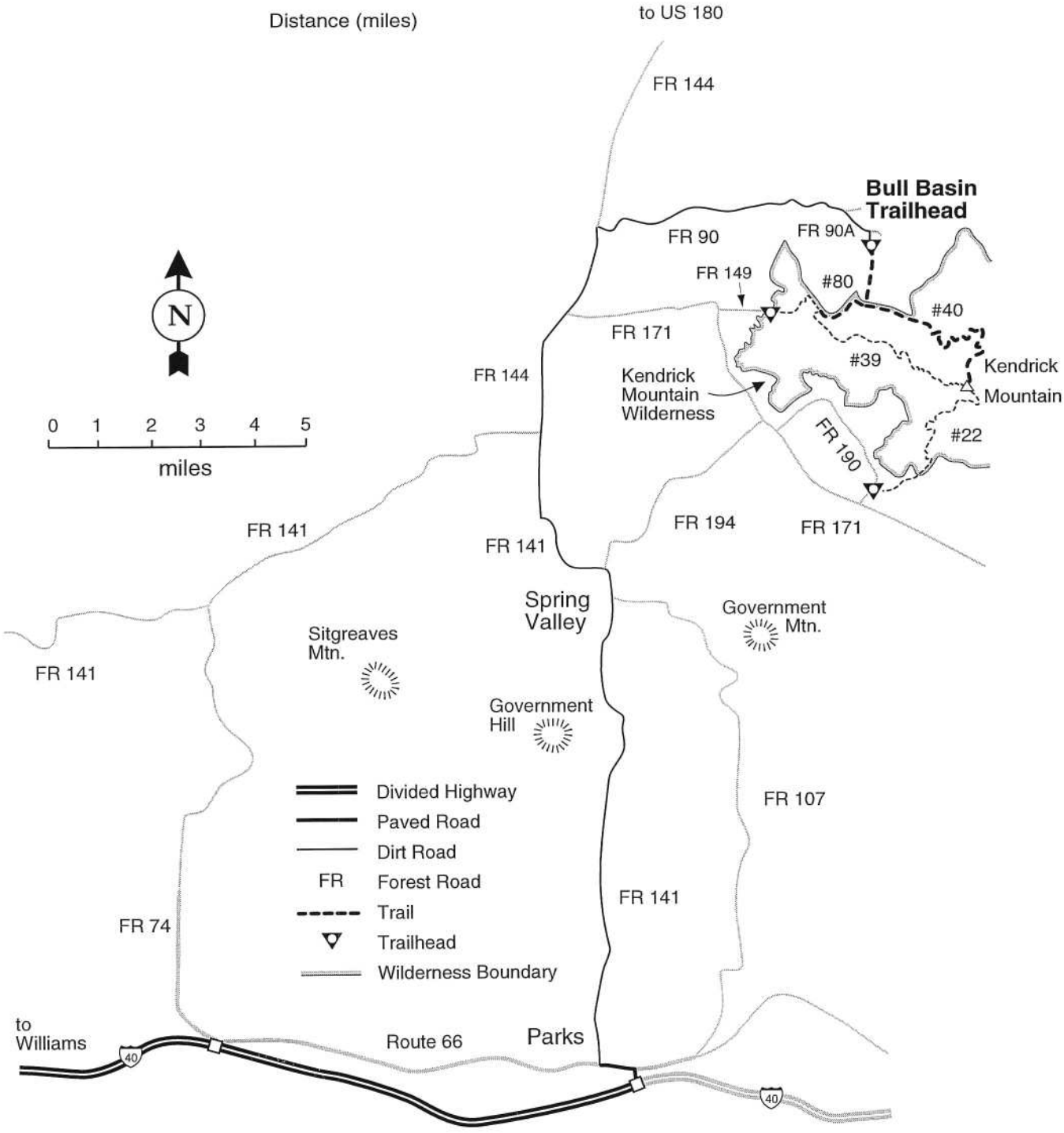
Travel Time: About 1 hour from Williams to the parking area.

Road Conditions: Paved road, all-weather gravelled road, suitable for passenger vehicles only when dry. The last few miles of unsurfaced road suitable for high clearance vehicles only.

Trail Layout: The lower section of Bull Basin Trail follows some old logging roads (now closed to vehicles) and then merges with the Connector Trail, which branches off to the west. Bull Basin proceeds east, passing a small meadow. About 1/4 mile beyond the meadow the trail begins a steep ascent. It then curves south at another large meadow near the top of Kendrick Mountain, passing a spring before reaching the old Kendrick Lookout Cabin. The trail is generally well marked. The old cabin can be used by visitors, but please leave it in good shape for the next person or even you, when you come back again. Most of the trail is within the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness.

Bull Basin Trail #40 & Connector Trail #80





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KENDRICK MOUNTAIN TRAIL #22

Attractions: This is a hike to one of the highest vistas in northern Arizona. From Kendrick's 10,418 foot summit, you can see the Grand Canyon to the north and Oak Creek Canyon to the south. In addition to the impressive scenery, it's a good place to see wildlife, especially elk and mule deer. The trail starts in the ponderosa pines and climbs into the mixed conifer forests of Douglas fir, white fir, Engelmann spruce and corkbark fir within the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness. Note that there are no reliable springs along the trail and no water at the top of the mountain.

Just below the mountain's summit, you'll see an old cabin. This is the old lookout cabin, built in the early 1900s and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Length: 4 miles one way **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 7700 feet. Trail starts at the parking area along FR 190. A wheelchair accessible vault toilet is available at the trailhead.

Hiking Time: About 5 to 6 hours round trip.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles or mountain bikes. Hiking and horseback riding only.

Recommended Season: Late spring to early fall.

USGS Map(s): Moritz Ridge-Kendrick. (A Forest map may also be useful; one can be purchased at the Visitor Center)

Access: From Williams, take I-40 east to the Parks exit #178. Turn left (north) back across the overpass, turn left (west) at the "T" intersection, then turn right (north) at the Parks store onto FR 141 and continue north for about 8 miles; turn right continuing north on FR 194 for about 4.5 miles to FR 171. Turn right onto FR 171 and go 2 miles to FR 190; turn left onto FR 190 and go 1 mile to the parking area.

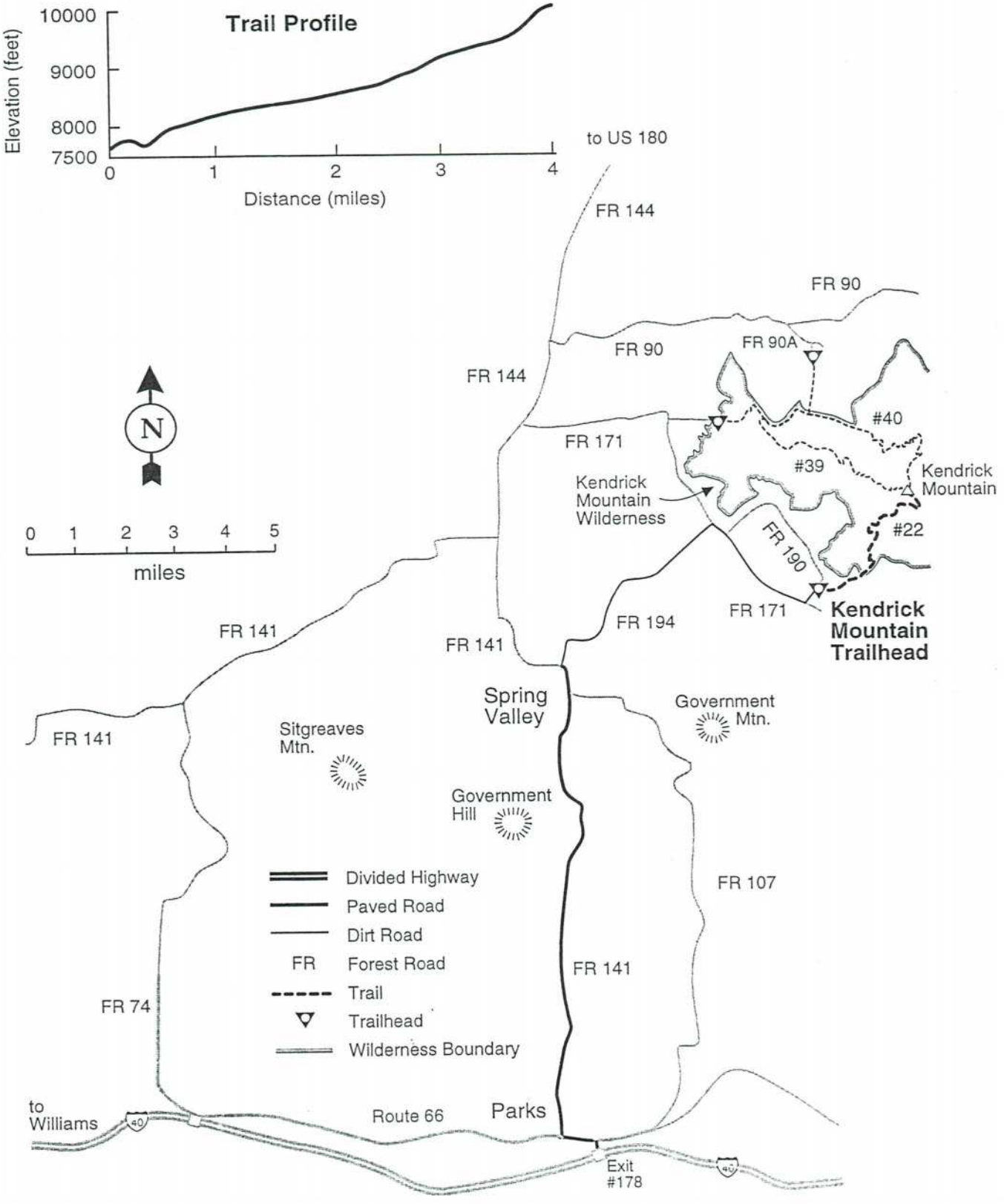
From Flagstaff, take Hwy 180 to FR 193, about 10 miles north of the turnoff to Arizona Snowbowl; turn left on FR 193 and continue to FR 171; turn right on FR 171 and go 2 miles to FR 190; turn right on FR 190 and go 1 mile to the parking area.

Travel Time: About 1 hour from Williams to the trailhead.

Road Condition: Paved road and all-weather gravelled road suitable for passenger vehicles.

Trail Layout: After about 1/2 mile of trail, this route up Kendrick Mountain follows an old fire road for about one mile. From this point the trail becomes a foot path again and is well marked and gently sloped. Almost all of the trail is within the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness.

Kendrick Mountain Trail #22



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KEYHOLE SINK TRAIL # 114

Attractions: This trail provides the visitor with an easy to hike pathway to a scenic box canyon where prehistoric residents left their mark carved into the canyon's gray volcanic walls. Roughly 1,000 years ago, some ancient artisan or artisans pecked images into the dark basalt using another rock for a tool. These images are called petroglyphs. The message that they portray suggests that the area was important to that ancient communicator as a hunting ground. One of the petroglyphs is a dramatic depiction of a deer herd entering the canyon. Take note of that and keep a sharp eye. This area is still an excellent place to encounter wildlife.

While you're visiting the Keyhole Sink Trail, please respect the irreplaceable traces of the past that you find along it. Leave them undisturbed so that others may enjoy them as you have.

Length: 1.0 Mile one way **Rating:** Easy **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: This trail starts on the north side of Historic Route 66, across from the Oak Hill Snowplay Area.

Hiking Time: 1.5 hours

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles.

Recommended Season: Year-round. May be muddy in spring. Cross-country skiing is often possible.

USGS Map(s): Parks. (A Forest map may be useful; they can be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

Access: From Williams, take I-40 east to the Pitman Valley exit #171. Turn left and cross over the Interstate. Proceed east (right) on Historic Route 66 for about 2 miles to the Oak Hill Snowplay Area. The trail begins across Rt. 66, on the north side of the road. Please park in the lot provided.

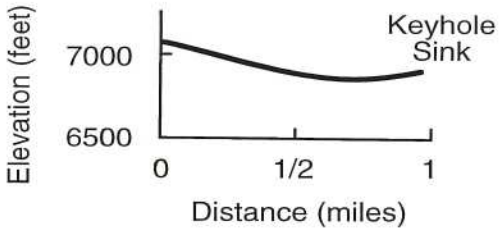
From Flagstaff, take the Parks exit #178. Turn right (north) and then turn left (west) onto Historic Route 66. Drive west for about 4 miles to the trailhead.

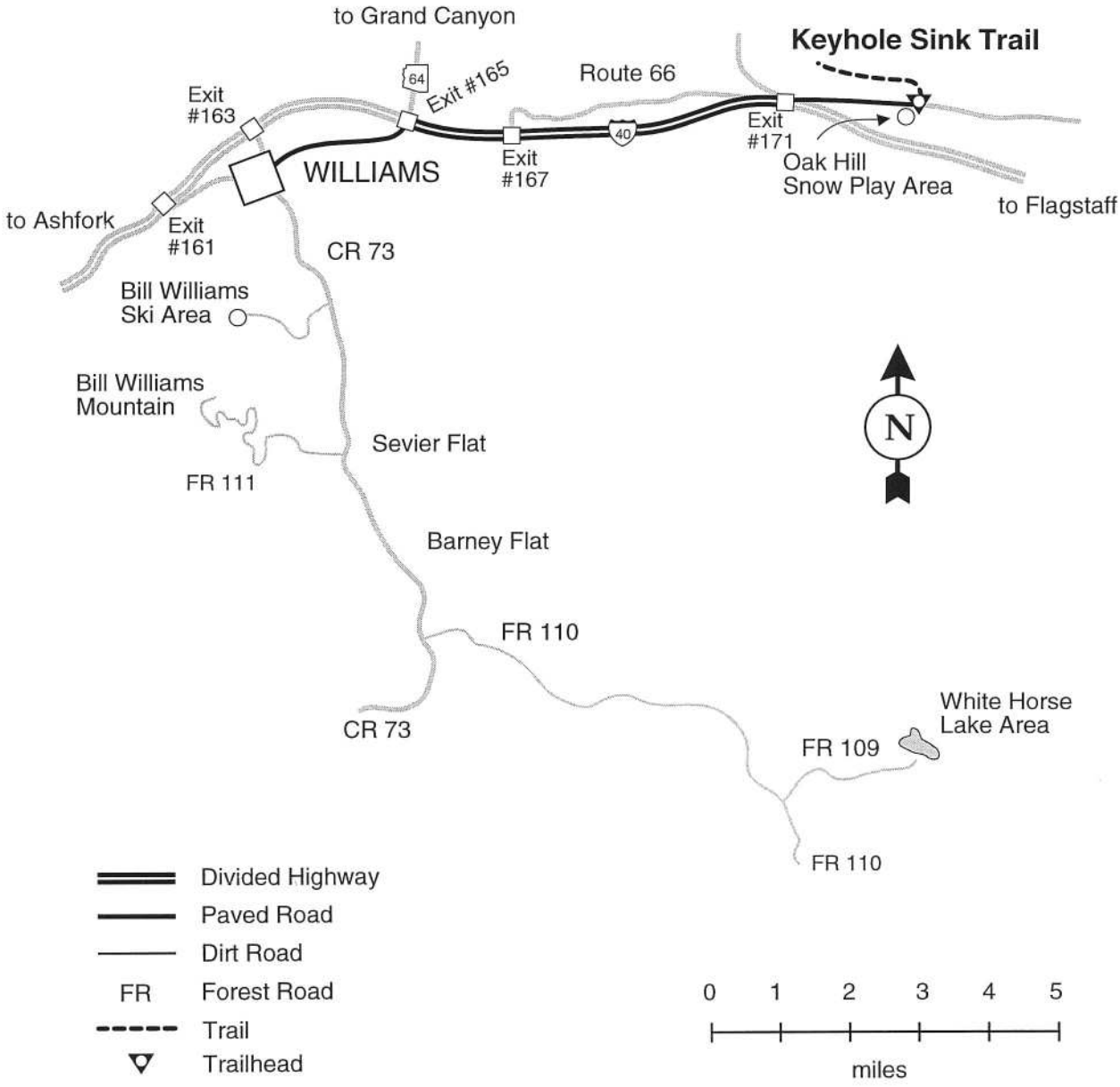
Travel Time: About 20 minutes from Williams to the trailhead.

Road Conditions: Paved all the way.

Trail Layout: The trail traverses easy terrain through a ponderosa pine forest. The return trip from Keyhole Sink is over the same trail. The trail is marked for cross-country skiing with blue triangles.

Keyhole Sink Trail # 114





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OVERLAND ROAD HISTORIC TRAIL #113

Attractions: Traveling from east to west, one first encounters the wide grasslands of Garland Prairie. Dotted with hardscrabble homesteads, both active and deserted, its vistas still inspire visions of hardy pioneers. Farther along, the trail enters the trees and passes the remains of an old way-station which even boasted its own post office for a time. The foundations of a few cabins are still visible here.

The markers that blaze the trail then wind on through the forest, past remains of an old railroad bed and an abandoned logging camp, past scenic Pomeroy Tanks. Along the way, you'll see evidence of a Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps camp and the course of the Bear Springs Sheep Driveway that tens of thousands of animals once traveled over the edge of the rugged Mogollon Rim.

Mountain biking is good along FR 57. Horseback riding is recommend anywhere along the trail between FR 141 and FR 139, although it may become rocky in the Pomeroy Tanks area. Recommended hiking sections are shown on the map.

Length: 25 miles one way **Rating:** Easy to moderate **Use:** Light

Trailhead Location: There are a variety of trail leads. See map. An accessible vault toilet is available at Pomeroy Tanks Trailhead.

Hiking Time: A variety of access points provide for hikes of varying length and time.

Use Restrictions: Travel by motorized vehicles on sections of the Overland Road located off of Forest Service roads, is prohibited.

Recommended Season: Late spring through late fall

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mtn. SW, Bill Williams Mtn. NE, Garland Prairie (a Forest map may also be useful; may be purchased at the Visitor Center.

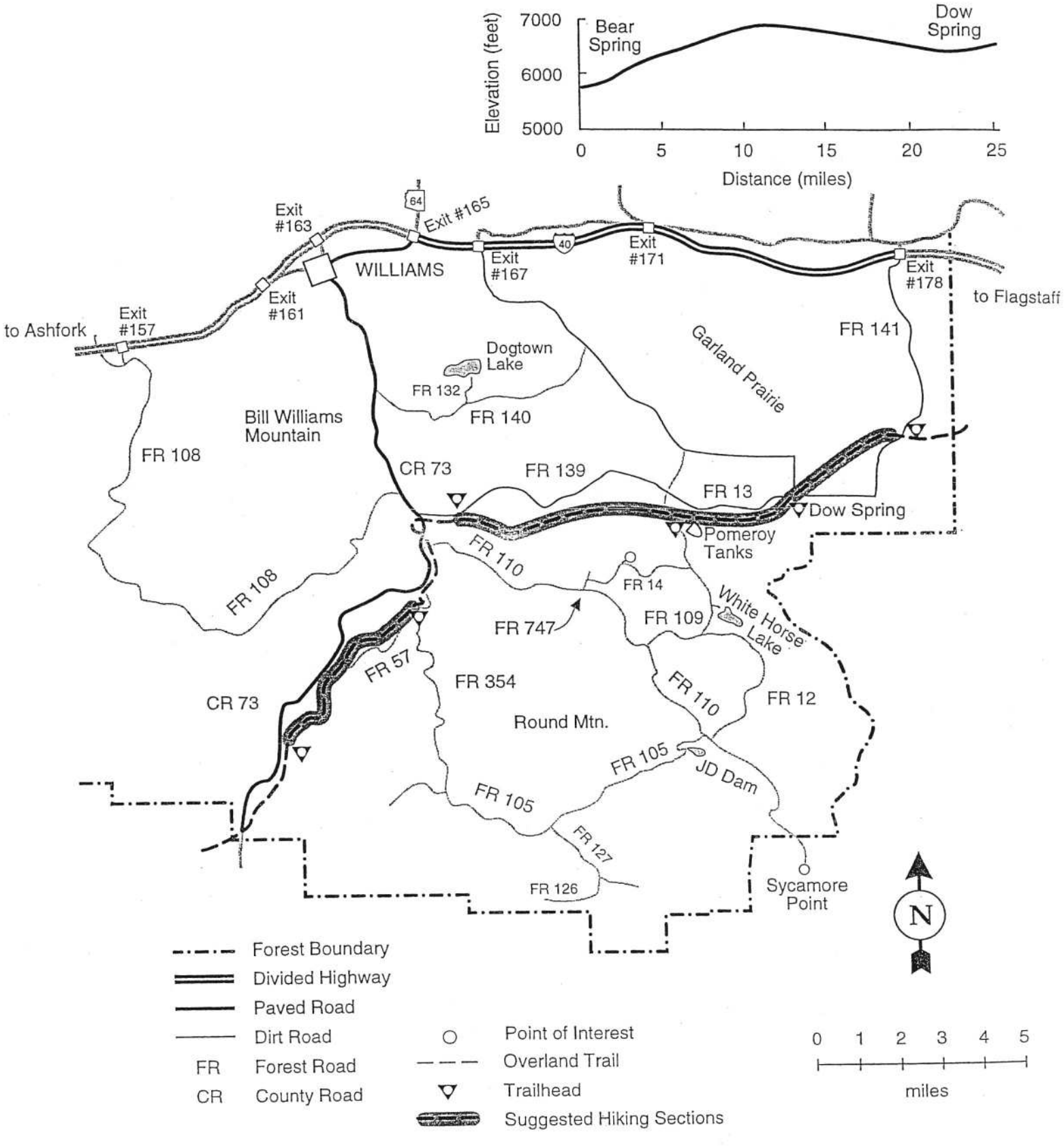
Access: As the accompanying map shows, there are several trailheads which provide access to the Overland Road hiking and equestrian trail. Interpretive signs with information about the history of the Overland Road can be found at the trailheads. This route has been marked across the Kaibab National Forest with closely-spaced rock cairns, distinctive brass caps, tree blazes, and 4" wood posts. Most of these roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

Travel Time: 20 minutes to an hour from Williams depending on particular access point.

Road Condition: About 25 miles of paved, cinder and gravel surfaced roads intersect the Overland Road. Most of these roads are suitable for passenger vehicles. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for FR 57 and FR 13.

Trail Layout: The Forest Service has developed the Overland Road into a recreational trail. The route makes use of forest roads and trails which have been marked with rock cairns, brass cap markers, tree blazes, and 4" by 4" wood posts. A treadway has not been cleared on the trail sections, so it can be a challenge to follow. Trailheads, with interpretive signs, are provided. The trail sections are open only to hikers and horseback riders. Portions of the historic route that are part of the forest road system may be accessed by any means, including motor vehicles and mountain bicycles.

Overland Road Historic Trail



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PUMPKIN TRAIL #39

Attractions: The Pumpkin Trail offers the visitor a long hike from a valley of pine and junipers up through mountain meadows and forests of mixed conifer, aspen and fir to the summit of Kendrick Peak. All of the hike is within the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness. The upper three quarters of it follow the alignment of an old sheepherder route used up to 40 years ago. The remains of an old sheepherder's cabin still stands alongside the trail about 1/4 mile below the lookout tower. Note that there are no reliable springs along the trail and no water at the top of the mountain.

Length: 5.5 miles one way **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Light

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 7260 feet. Trail starts at the parking area off Forest Road 154.

Hiking Time: About 6 to 7 hours round trip.

Use Restrictions: No motorized or mechanized vehicles (e.g. mountain bikes.) Hiking and horseback riding only.

Recommended Season: Late spring to early fall.

USGS Map(s): Moritz Ridge-Kendrick. (A Forest Map may also be useful; they can be purchased at the Visitor Center.)

Access: From Williams, take I-40 east to the Parks exit #178. Turn left across the overpass turn left at the "T" intersection, then turn right at the Parks store onto FR 141 and continue north on FR 141 for about 11 miles; continue onto FR 144 and go about 2.5 miles to FR 171. Turn right (east) onto FR 171; go 2.8 miles to the right-angle curve in the road, then turn left (east) onto FR 149 just south of the curve, and continue for about one mile to the parking area at the trailhead.

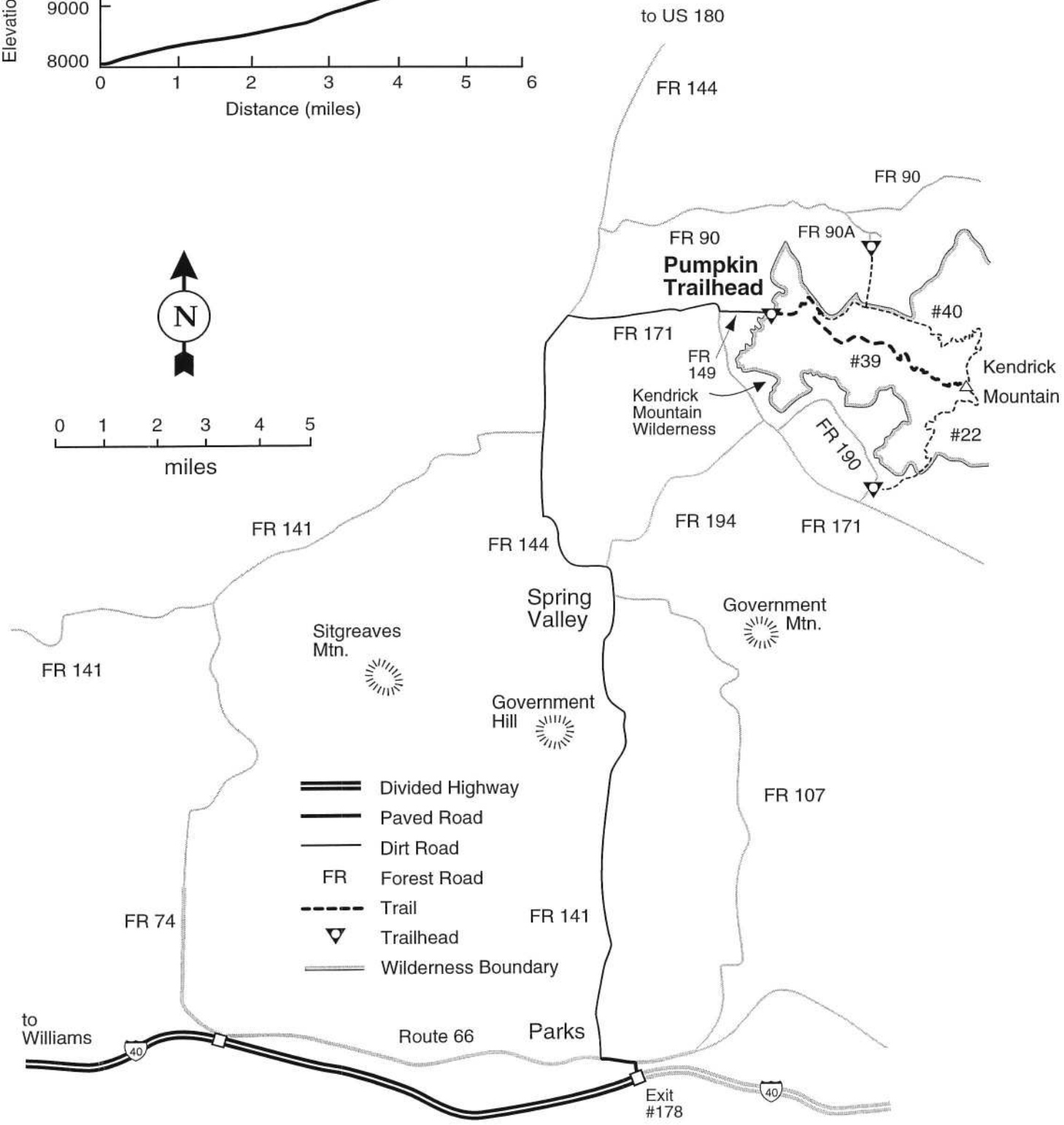
Travel Time: About 1 hour from Williams to the Trailhead.

Road Condition: Paved road, all-weather gravelled road, and a few miles of unsurfaced road that is suitable for passenger vehicles only when the weather is dry.

Trail Layout: Initially, this trail follows an old road then rises along a steep canyon. After passing through a gate, the trail ascends a ridge, gradually turning southeast. From here to the top of Kendrick Mountain, the trail follows a ridge through meadows, aspen and conifer stands. Rock cairns often show the way. All of the trail is within the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness.

It is possible to link up with the Bull Basin Trail via the Connector Trail for an 11 mile hike.

Pumpkin Trail #39



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SUMMIT MOUNTAIN TRAIL #68

Attractions: This is a hike to near the top of Summit Mountain where you can enjoy the expansive views. From the end of the trail you will find an excellent vista of the forest and rim country as it falls off to the headwaters of the Verde River and the distant Mingas and Bradshaw Mountains. Most of the trail was originally built in 1916 to access a fire lookout point. After some 50 years of abandonment, it was rebuilt in 1997 to offer an opportunity to enjoy the pleasurable walk to the top of the mountain.

Length: 1 mile **Rating:** Moderate **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Trailhead is located near the end of Forest Road 706.

Hiking Time About 1.5 hours round trip.

Recommended Season: Late spring to late fall.

USGS Map(s): Williams South & May Tank Pocket.

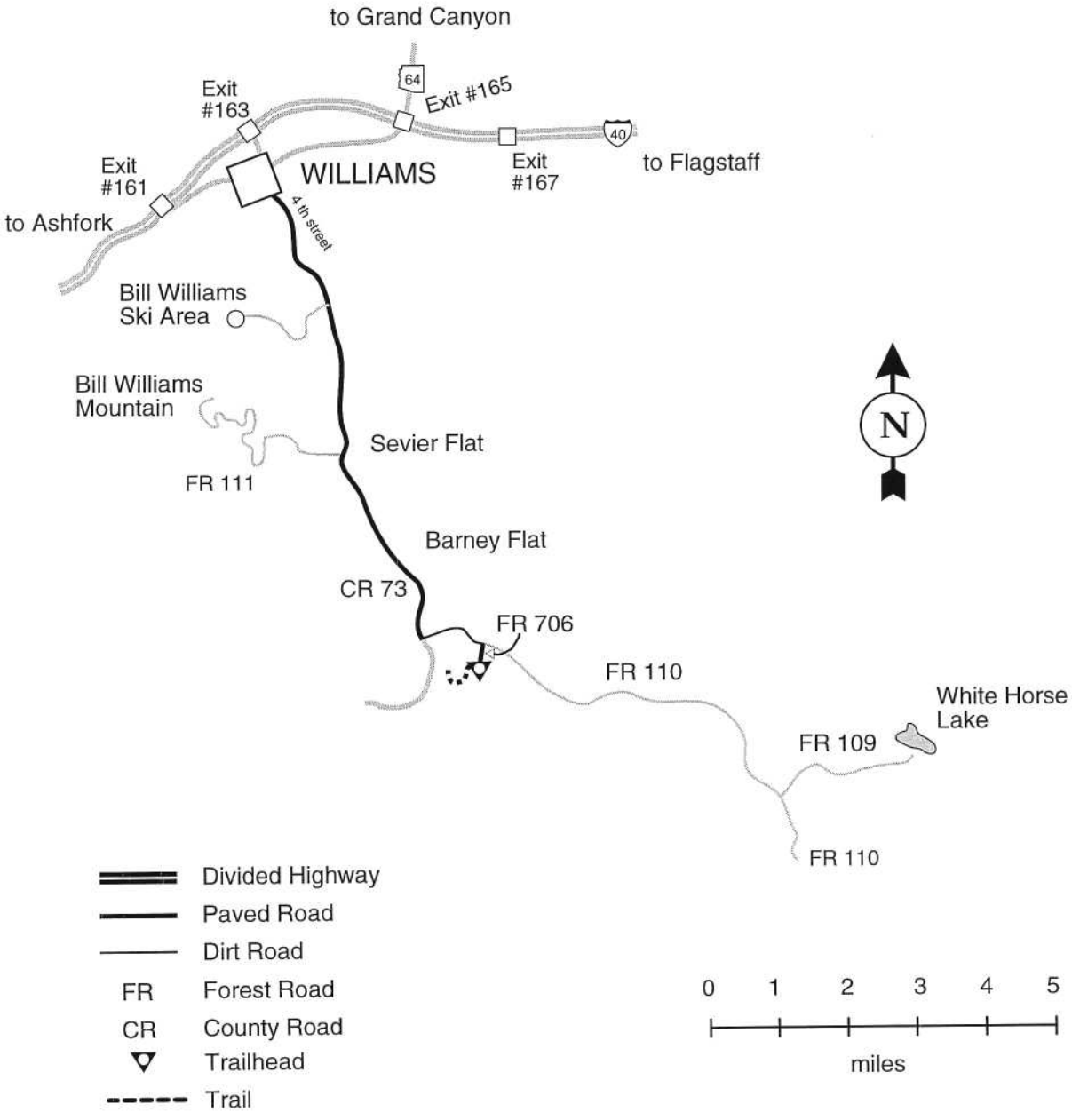
Access: From Williams take 4th Street (CR 73) south 8.5 miles to FR 110; turn east (left) onto FR 110 and continue east 2 miles to FR 706; turn south (right) onto FR 706 and follow the gravel surfaced road about a half a mile to the parking area on the right.

Travel Time: About 20 minutes from Williams to the trailhead.

Road Conditions: Paved road and all-weather gravelled road suitable for passenger vehicles.

Trail Layout: The well defined trail climbs steadily up 650 feet over its mile length through a forest of ponderosa pine, Gamble oak and alligator juniper.

Summit Mountain Trail #68



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SYCAMORE RIM TRAIL #45

Attractions: The Sycamore Rim Trail was first proposed in 1975. Born of the idea that this environment of ponds, streams, cliffs and deep canyons was unique, and worthy of preservation in as nearly an undisturbed condition as possible, the trail was built to provide access to the area so people could enjoy it without impacting its scenic values. Its route was originally cleared and marked in 1979, when the trail was first opened for general use. Since then, this loop has been improved with treadwork over its entire length. The Sycamore Falls Trailhead was added during the summer of 1988 to accommodate hikers along the Sycamore Rim Trail and climbers using the Sycamore Falls area. The trail is open to mountain bikes outside the Wilderness boundary.

Length: 11 miles **Rating:** Easy to moderate **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Locations: There are 5 trailheads which provide access to this trail. Refer to the map for locations.

Hiking Time: 5 to 6 hours.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles. Due to a few steep, rocky areas around Pomeroy Tanks and Sycamore Falls, the use of horses is not recommended for this part of the trail.

Recommended Season: Early spring to late fall.

USGS Map(s): Bill Williams Mountain and Sycamore Point. (A Forest recreation map may also be useful; may be purchased at the visitor center.)

Access: At Garland Prairie exit (#167), turn off I-40 south on Forest Road #141. Continue south about 12 miles and turn right (southeast) onto FR 56. Continue on FR 56 for about 1.5 miles to the trail parking lot. There are several access routes to this trail, as shown on the map.

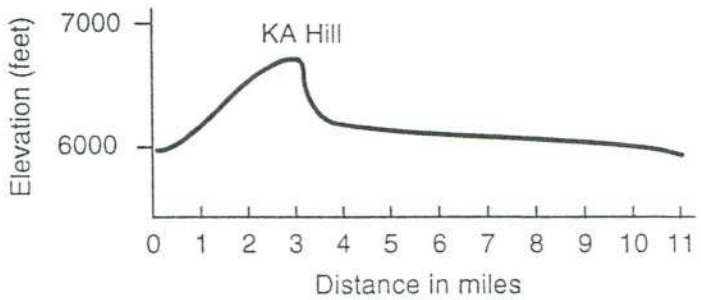
Travel Time: About 30 minutes from Williams to the Trailhead on FR 56.

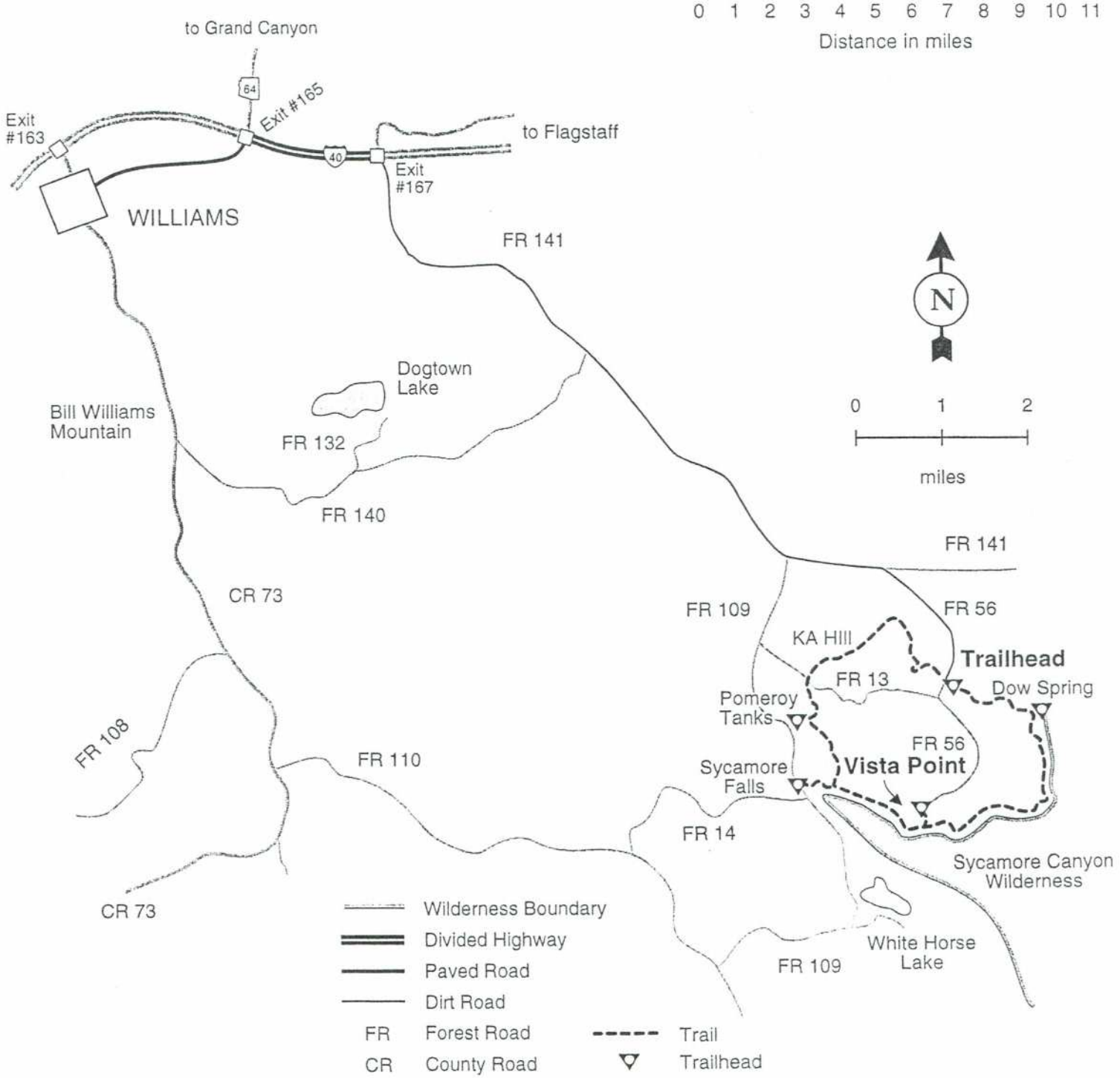
Road Condition: Paved and all-weather gravelled roads suitable for sedans.

Trail Layout: The trail forms a loop with access at several points along it. The southern and eastern portions of the loop follow the rim of Sycamore Canyon. The northern and western sections travel through ponderosa pine forests. The entire loop may be traveled from any of the trailheads, or hike a segment of the trail by shuttling between trailheads. Watch for rock cairns and small signs.

Sycamore Falls is a popular rock climbing area. Climbing is a potentially dangerous activity. A variety of skills and techniques are required to ensure a safe climbing experience. Please seek instruction from qualified sources before venturing onto the cliffs.

Sycamore Rim Trail #45





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RED BUTTE TRAIL #37

Attractions: Red Butte is a unique geological formation of the Coconino Plateau in northern Arizona. The dark layer of rock at its top is a basaltic cap that is a remnant of past volcanic activity. It has protected the butte from the erosion experienced by the surrounding landscape. The plateau on which the butte is located consists primarily of Kaibab limestone, the rock that forms the top layer of the cliffs in the Grand Canyon. The lower portion of the butte is composed of the Moenkopi formation, a strata that is exposed in the Painted Desert. On top of this lies the Shinarump conglomerate, another Painted Desert Rock and then the cap of basalt. The top of Red Butte provides an excellent 360° view of the surrounding area, including the San Francisco Peaks. Caution should be taken in the summer months when rattlesnakes may be present on or along the trail.

Red Butte is sacred to the Havasupai Indian Tribe, the only permanent residents of the Grand Canyon. Treat it with respect.

Length: 1.2 miles (1.9K)

Season: Spring to mid-Fall

Use: Light

Difficulty: Moderate, with some steep pitches.

USGS Map: Red Butte (A forest map showing access roads to the trail is also available for a fee at the district office.)

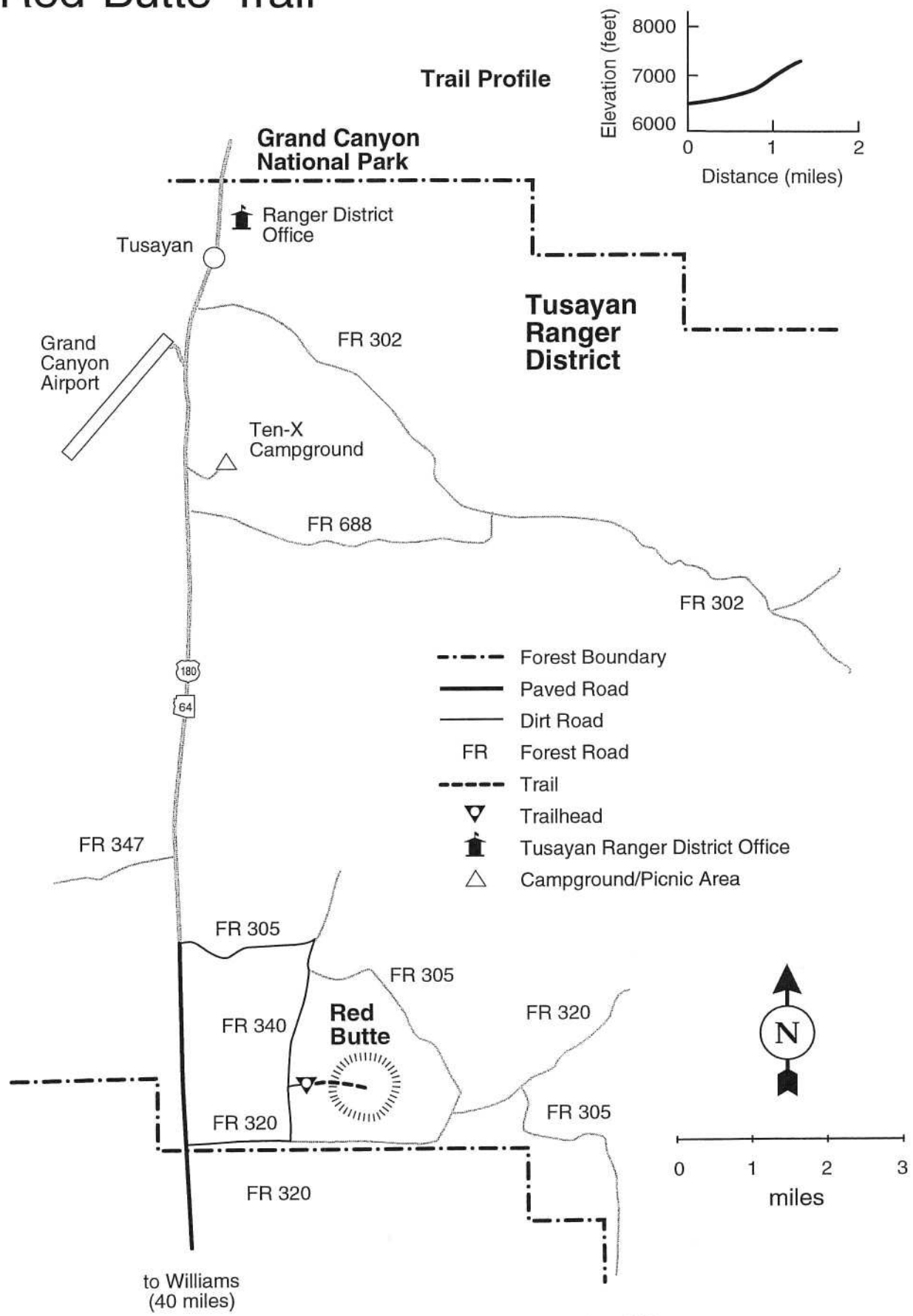
Access #1: Turn off Highway 64/180 onto Forest Road (FR) 320. Travel east for 1.5 miles and turn left (north) onto FR 340. After traveling .75 mile on this road turn right (east) onto a spur road. The trailhead is located at the end of this .25 mile road.

Access #2: Turn off Highway 64/180 onto FR 305. Travel east for 2 miles to the junction with FR 305A and stay on FR 305 by turning right (south). After 0.5 mile veer right (south) onto FR 340. Travel south 1.5 miles and turn left (east) onto an unnumbered spur road that leads .25 mile to the trailhead.

Road Conditions: All roads are suitable for sedans. However during weather roads may become slick, muddy and impassable.

Description: The Red Butte Trail climbs from 6,460 ft. (1970M) elevation at the trailhead to 7,326 ft. (2233M) elevation on top of Red Butte. For the first .75 mile, the trail climbs moderately and has only a few switchbacks. The last .5 mile ascends the steep, upper slopes of the butte and has several switchbacks and steep grades. The trail is well-marked and easy to follow.

Red Butte Trail



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Just getting to this trail is an adventure. The last mile of primitive road that leads to the trailhead is a place of tire bruising rocks and bottom scraping ruts. Actually, it might be a good idea to hike or mountain bike it, so you don't abuse your car driving it. Don't try it at all without a sturdy, high clearance vehicle. There is a FS/APS gate about 300 yards from the trailhead sign.

Once you get to the trailhead you'll forget all about that rocky ride. The view is magnificent-Grand Canyon quality. You can see into Mooney Canyon, part of the lower Oak Creek basin, and Sycamore Canyon at the same time. In Sycamore, sheer walls, towering buttes, teetering pinnacles and huge lava flows stretch to the horizon.

Taylor Cabin Trail provides good views of all this then drops into a sheltered drainage which it follows to the canyon floor. The steepest part of the climb is mercifully shaded by Douglas firs and ponderosa pines. At trail's end, on the floor of Sycamore Canyon, you'll find everything associated with a desert river except the river itself. Rounded boulders and gnarled sycamore trees attest to the fact that water flows here regularly, but unless you come during the snowmelt or after a thunderstorm, you won't see it. Some of the larger pools hold water into late spring, but eventually they all dry up.

Taylor Cabin, a historic old rancher's shack listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is about a mile and half downstream. You can either boulder hop down the stream bed to it or follow the Sycamore Basin Trail. That trail is directly across the main stream bed from the end of the path you have just walked down. Following the trail is the best way of finding the cabin, otherwise you could boulder hop right past it.

Rating: Very strenuousHiking Time: 2.5 hours round trip

Notes:

Bring lots of water-it's hot and steep.
No motorized or mechanized vehicles (including mountain bicycles) in the Wilderness.
High clearance vehicles only to trailhead.
Use experienced trailhorses.

The Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Map is available by phone using Visa or MasterCard by calling 928-203-2900.

At a Glance

Open Season:	Year 'round
Usage:	Medium
Best Season:	April - November
Closest Towns:	Sedona, AZ
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General Information

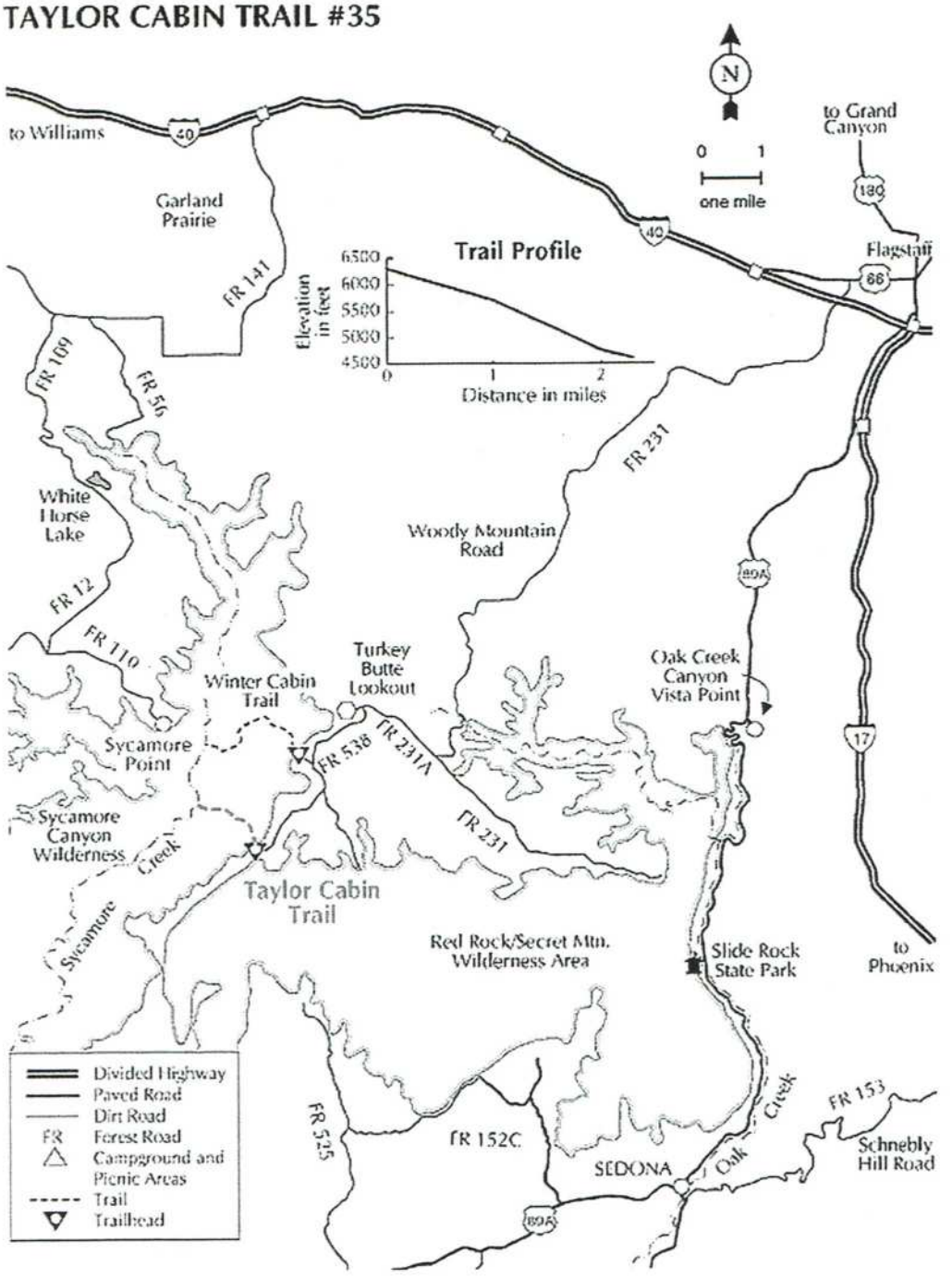
Directions:

USGS Map(s): Loy Butte, Sycamore Point

Location: 30 miles south of Flagstaff on graveled and dirt forest roads.

Access: Drive south from Flagstaff 20.8 miles on FR 231 (Woody Mountain Road). Turn right on FR231A past the Turkey Butte Lookout Tower and drive 3.3 miles to FR 538. Follow this road 3 miles south past FR 538H (to Winter Cabin Trailhead) and a number of unmarked Forest Roads (when in doubt stay with the power line). Do not try to drive beyond the parking area under the power line at mile 2.9 - it's only a few hundred yards to the trailhead. At the trailhead, take the path that leads to the right behind the sign. The one to the left is a dead end.

TAYLOR CABIN TRAIL #35



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YEW THICKET TRAIL #52

General information: The main attraction of this trail is that it lies entirely within the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. It can be used by both horseback riders and hikers. It is also only one of 2 trails (#52, #117) in this area that can be reached from the Williams area without traveling to FR 181 just north of Perkinsville. The trail starts in open stands of Ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper. The most scenic portion of the trail is also the most difficult, as it descends through a steep canyon through red rock bluffs.

Access and trailhead location: From Williams take the Perkinsville road (FR 173) for approximately 9 miles to the Junction with FR 354. Take FR 354 south for 6 miles to Pine Flat. From there take FR 105 for about 1.5 miles to FR 125. The last 6 miles of FR 125 to the trailhead are unbladed and require a 4WD vehicle.

The approach from Chino Valley is via the Perkinsville Rd. (FR 354) past Perkinsville to FR 181, then east to Henderson Flat. From there, take TR #61 north for 1.1 mi. to the junction of TR #61 and TR #52.

Travel time: 45 to 60 min. from Chino Valley to Henderson Flat

Road condition: Dirt, but suitable for all vehicles

Hiking time: 2-3 hours. Length: 5.3 miles Difficulty: Moderate Use: Light

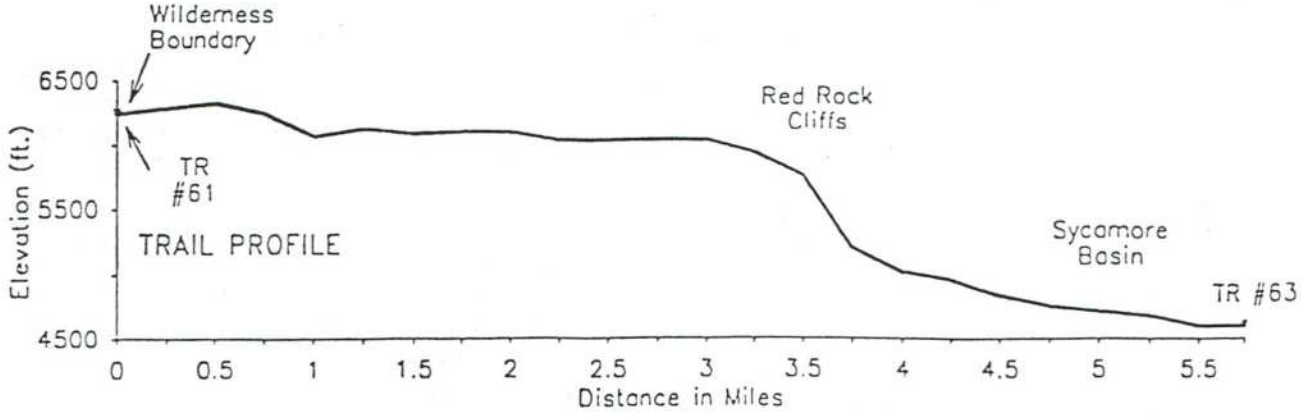
Use restrictions: This trail is within the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness; no mechanized or motorized equipment is permitted.

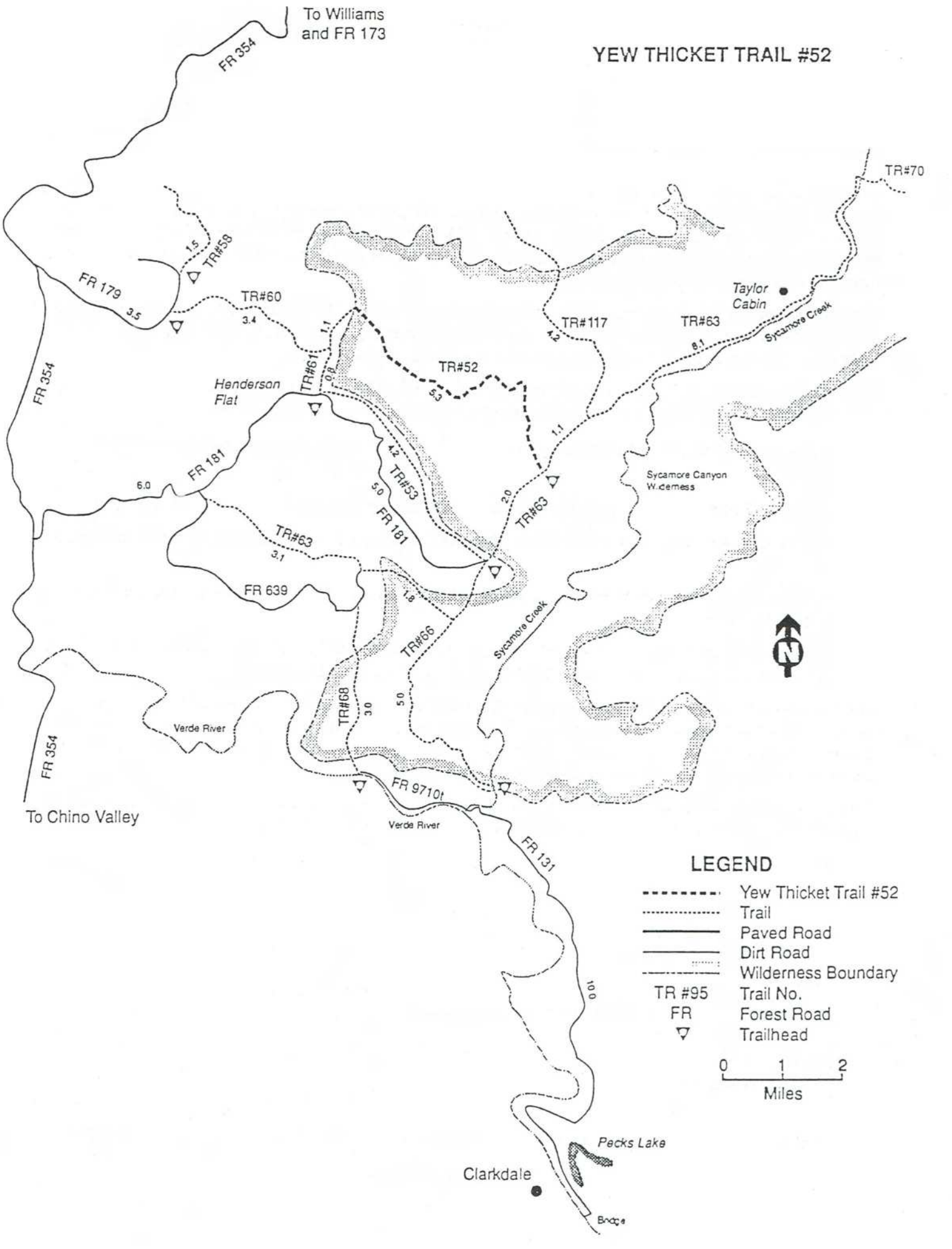
Recommended season of use: Fall, spring, summer (upper trail only). The lower portion of this trail can be extremely hot in summer.

Maps, other resources: Prescott National Forest map, east half; Kaibab National Forest map, Williams-Chalendar-Tusayan Districts; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5′ quad for Sycamore Basin.

Trail layout: The first 3 miles of the trail from the trailhead are fairly level and easy. The descent from there, however, is steep and difficult through the red rock cliffs. The final 1.5 miles is again on relatively level terrain in Sycamore Basin to the junction with TR #63. It is then possible to loop back to Henderson Flat by taking TR #63 south for about 2 miles to TR #53. Take TR #53 west for 4.2 miles to Henderson Flat.

Precautions: There is no water along this trail. The lower portion of the trail in Sycamore Basin is at an elevation of only 4,500 ft. and can be extremely hot in summer with little air movement in the canyon.

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Tusayan Ranger District

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ARIZONA TRAIL #101 (Coconino Rim & Russell Wash Segments)

The Arizona Trail on the Tusayan Ranger District is divided into two segments: Coconino Rim and Russell Wash. Together they comprise close to twenty-five miles of trail across the Tusayan District. This is part of the nearly 750 miles of trails that will be linked across the state of Arizona, north to south. By the year 2000, an additional trail through Watson Wash will link the trail to Grand Canyon National Park.

The northern segments of trail pass through ponderosa pine and Gambel oak stands. Farther south, the trail opens to pinyon-juniper, sage, and grassland vegetation.

For several months of the year there may be no water sources along these segments. Russell Tank, the most likely supply, is a very important water source for wildlife and livestock. All water sources should be considered unsafe for human use unless properly treated.

Length: 24.2 miles (Grandview trailhead to the southern District boundary)

Use: Light **Season:** Spring to mid-Fall **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

Access #1: From Highway 64/180 at Tusayan, turn east on Forest Road 302 (0.8 miles north of the Grand Canyon Airport entrance). Follow the signs along this road for 16 miles to Grandview Lookout Tower.

Access #2: Via Arizona Highway 64 in Grand Canyon National Park–From the South Entrance Station, drive north 4 miles to a right turn on AZ 64. Drive east on AZ 64 approximately 8.7 miles where you will see a left turn sign for Grandview Point. Continue driving east on AZ 64 for 2 miles. An Arizona Trail sign indicates a right turn onto a gravel road. Drive 0.5 miles on this road to the Grand Canyon National Park-Kaibab National Forest boundary. There is an old cabin at this point. Continue on this road, FR 310, for 0.8 miles to Grandview Lookout Tower, the trailhead for the Coconino Rim Segment.

Road Conditions: Highway 64, Highway 180, FR 302, FR 301, and FR 311 are suitable for sedans. On the rest of the roads, a high clearance vehicle is recommended.

Description: Coconino Rim Segment–Grandview Lookout to Russell Tank, 12 miles. The trail begins at the historic Grandview Lookout Tower, built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. It leads to an interpretive trail that describes mistletoe and its effects on ponderosa pine forests. It then winds through pine-oak woodland with little elevation change. It has excellent views of the Grand Canyon, Upper Basin, Coconino Rim, and Painted Desert. A short but steep series of switchbacks begins 8.3 miles from Grandview Lookout. A bike route has been developed to bypass this area. At 10.3 miles the trail crosses FR 310, at this point you are 6.8 miles from Grandview Lookout via FR 310.

Russell Wash Segment–This section parallels the historic route of the Flagstaff to Grand Canyon stagecoach line, which operated between Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon from 1893 to 1901. The 20 hour ride cost the adventurous travelers 20 dollars. It begins near the south side of Russell Tank and follows Russell Wash, crossing FR 320, 3.1 miles before crossing FR 313. Here the trail ascends a small ridge, crosses under a power line and passes near Moqui Stage Station, a rest stop on the stage line. There is a 1/4 mile long access trail to the stage station. From the turnoff for the stage station it is 5.2 miles to the southern boundary of the Tusayan District where the trail joins the Babbitt Ranch Passage and continues on to Flagstaff.

The Arizona Trail

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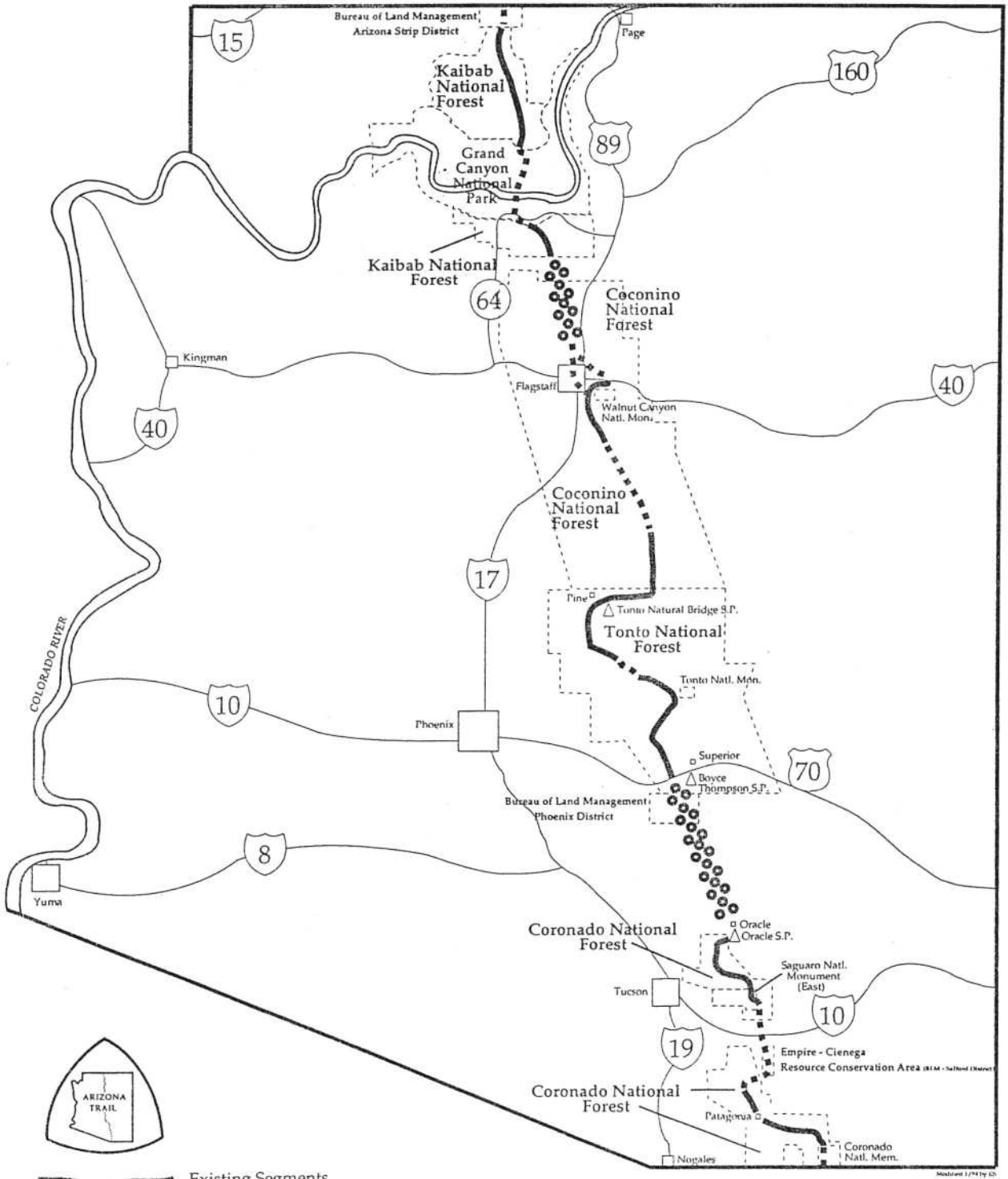

Arizona Trail

General Information - May 1994

The Arizona Trail, the dream of Flagstaff teacher and hiking enthusiast **Dale Shewalter**, will eventually be a 750-mile continuous, non-motorized trail that traverses the State from Mexico to Utah. The Arizona Trail is intended to be a primitive, long distance trail that highlights the State's topographic, biologic, and historic diversity. The primary trail users will be hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists (outside of wilderness areas or other specially managed areas). About 95% of the proposed trail is on public lands. Government agencies, volunteers, and the private sector are working together to make the Trail a reality.

In October of 1993, the *Arizona Trail Partners:* Arizona State Parks, U.S. Forest Service (Coconino, Coronado, Kaibab, and Tonto National Forests), National Park Service (Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park, Saguaro National Monument, and the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program), and the Bureau of Land Management negotiated an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to establish a framework to cooperatively plan for the development and completion of the Trail. The IGA allows the *Arizona Trail Partners* to share money to fund the *Arizona Trail Steward* position for a two-year period.

The Arizona Trail Steward is responsible for preparing and assisting with implementation of the *Arizona Trail Management Guide* using input from all partners, researching and coordinating routes for the Trail, pursuing funding for the Trail, assisting with nominating sections into the State Trails System, and assisting with volunteerism along the Trail.

Jim Schmid (who filled the Arizona Trail Steward position for the first six months) of the Coronado National Forest, and **Holly Van Houten** of the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, have worked extremely hard in developing the Management Guide. In addition, Holly is extensively involved in the coordination of the *Arizona Trail Association*, a non-profit association dedicated to planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail. The Association is also dedicated to providing manpower to agencies for trail development along the Arizona Trail. One of these projects, taking place on National Trails Days - June 4th & 5th, involves completion of a section that will connect to the Utah border.

Eric Smith, former *State Trails Planner* with Arizona State Parks, became the *Arizona Trail Steward* in early May. Eric will work closely with the *Arizona Trail Partners* and the *Arizona Trail Association* in moving the Arizona Trail towards completion.

To become involved with the Arizona Trail, please contact:

Arizona Trail Association
P.O. Box 36736, Phoenix, AZ 85067

Eric Smith
Arizona Trail Steward
Arizona State Parks, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, (602) 542-7120

Thunder River Trail and Deer Creek

Locations/Elevations	Mileages
Indian Hollow (6250 ft / 1906 m) to Bill Hall Trail Junction (5400 ft / 1647 m)	6.3 mi (10.1 km)
Monument Point (7200 ft / 2196 m) to Bill Hall Junction	2.6 mi (4.2 km)
Bill Hall Junction, AY9 (5400 ft / 1647 m) to:	
Surprise Valley Junction, AM9 (3600 ft / 1098 m)	4.5 mi (7.2 km)
Upper Tapeats Camp, AW7 (2400 ft / 732 m)	6.6 mi (10.6 km)
Lower Tapeats, AW8 at Colorado River (1950 ft / 595 m)	8.8 mi (14.2 km)
Deer Creek Campsite, AX7 (2200 ft / 671 m)	6.9 mi (11.1 km)
Deer Creek Falls and Colorado River (1950 ft / 595 m)	7.6 mi (12.2 km)

Trailhead Access

Leave the pavement on Forest Service Road (FSR) 22. FSR 22 can be accessed from either Highway 67 a couple miles north of the Park entrance station or from Highway 89A a few miles east of Fredonia. Take FSR 22 to the junction with FSR 425. There are two potential trailheads: Monument Point (Bill Hall trail) and Indian Hollow (Thunder River trail). For Indian Hollow take FSR 425 to FSR 232, for Monument Point, take FSR 425 to FSR 292 and then 292A (see the road map for the North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest). Winter and Spring access is unreliable. Get a road update from the Fredonia Forest Service field office or the Backcountry Information Center prior to leaving home.

Water Sources

Thunder River, Tapeats Creek, Deer Creek, and the Colorado River are permanent water sources. Immediately after wet weather temporary pools might be found in potholes along the Esplanade. Many hikers choose to cache water on the Esplanade or Surprise Valley for the return trip. Caches should be dated, hidden from view, and carried out at the end of the hike.

Campsites

At-large camping is permitted in the Esplanade (AY9) and Surprise Valley (AM9) Use Areas whereas designated sites exist at Tapeats Creek (AW7) and Deer Creek (AX7) Use Areas. The designated campsites at Deer Creek accommodates two groups and Upper Tapeats accommodates three groups; both have toilets. The designated site at Lower Tapeats (AW8) accommodates two groups and does not have a toilet.

Important Notes—Closures

Climbing and/or rappelling in the creek narrows, with or without the use of ropes or other technical equipment is prohibited. This restriction extends within the creek beginning at the southeast end of the rock ledges, known as the "Patio," to the base of Deer Creek Falls. The trail from the river to hiker campsites and points up-canyon remains open. This restriction is necessary for the protection of significant cultural resources.

Between Lower Tapeats Camp and Deer Creek Camp, a rough, but established route has created the possibility of a loop hike from Surprise Valley. At the mouth of Tapeats Creek start downriver near the shoreline to the obvious dark, almost black, granite-like obstruction. Follow the cairned route up the steep, decomposing face to the top and traverse the outcrop to the precarious descent back to river level. This passage involves genuine hand and toe climbing and a light 25' rope for the packs will prove invaluable. Continue downstream for about 1/2 mile to a distinct trail marked by cairns that provides access up and away from the river. Follow this to a saddle east of Deer Creek, and then descend to the drainage and the nearby designated campsites.

River trips often stop at Tapeats Creek and Deer Creek so be prepared to encounter large groups of day hikers, especially May through September.

Trail Description

The historical access point is the gentler but longer Thunder River Trail. The second option is the Bill Hall Trail, which shaves 3.7 miles off the hike but is quite steep and includes a 15 foot scramble. Some light rope may come in handy to lower packs. For the first 0.5 mile, the Bill Hall Trail contours on the rim, actually ascending a bit before entering the canyon on the east side of Monument Point. Here, the trail heads into the canyon, descending efficiently down to the Esplanade where it intersects the Thunder River Trail.

The Thunder River Trail crosses expansive slickrock sections as it works around several small drainages, so hikers need to be alert for cairns that mark the route ahead. Try to locate the next cairn before the last one is lost from view. About 2.5 miles of reasonably flat walking brings hikers to the southern edge of the Esplanade, a wonderful canyon view, and the top of a series of steep switchbacks through the Supai and Redwall Formations to the floor of Surprise Valley. The descent is long and rough, and the southern exposure makes the entire area infamously hot. Avoid hiking in Surprise Valley after 10 a.m. during warm weather. A large cairn marks a fork in the trail – east (left) to Thunder River and Tapeats Creek, west (right) to Deer Creek.

The trail to Thunder River and Tapeats Creek winds east across the floor of Surprise Valley, crossing shallow drainages and low hills for about a mile before dropping down steep switchbacks to Thunder River. After so many hot, dry miles the cascades of Thunder River seem almost too good to be true and the place demands a stop for rest and relaxation. The designated Upper Tapeats campsite (AW7) is about ¼ mile below the confluence of Thunder River and Tapeats Creek on the west side of the creek. Hikers headed for the Colorado River can cross to the east side of the creek either just below the campsite or about ½ mile downcanyon and continue about two miles to a second creek crossing back to the west side. A short rope may come in handy to lower packs at a little downclimb (8 feet) above the lower crossing. Snowmelt or heavy rain may make creek crossings impossible. Spring warming trends and intermittent high creek levels are more likely after mid-March with the peak flows often in May. During periods of high water hikers must use a sketchy, seldom used trail that stays west of the creek all the way to the river. This option is narrow and exposed and should be used only as a last resort, but when Tapeats Creek is in flood it may be the only possibility. Lower Tapeats (AW8) is a designated campsite, please look for the tent symbol sign and camp on the west side of the creek.

Go west at the trail junction in Surprise Valley to reach Deer Creek. The trail becomes rocky, loose and somewhat exposed as it descends into the arm of Deer Creek. Deer Spring is a wonderful respite, enjoy the water, and celebrate that camp is only 20 minutes away. Below camp, Deer Creek slides over a promenade known as The Patio before gracefully plunging into the famous Narrows. Carved from the hard, resistant Tapeats Formation, the Narrows are, in a word, enchanting; though they are closed below the patio, a trail on their west side leads to the Colorado River, affording the opportunity to experience one of Grand Canyon's most spectacular waterfalls.

General Information & History

The huge outpourings of water at Thunder River, Tapeats Spring, and Deer Spring have attracted people since prehistoric times and today this little corner of Grand Canyon is exceedingly popular among seekers of the remarkable. Like a gift, booming streams of crystalline water emerge from mysterious caves to transform the harsh desert of the inner canyon into absurdly beautiful green oasis replete with the music of water falling into cool pools. Trailhead access can be difficult, sometimes impossible, and the approach march is long, hot, and dry, but for those making the journey these destinations represent something close to canyon perfection.

Bill Hall was a seasonal park ranger on the North Rim who was killed in the line of duty (automobile accident) in 1979.

Maps

7.5 Minute Tapeats Amphitheater and Fishtail Mesa Quads (USGS)
Trails Illustrated Map, Grand Canyon National Park (National Geographic)
North Kaibab Map, Kaibab National Forest (USDA)

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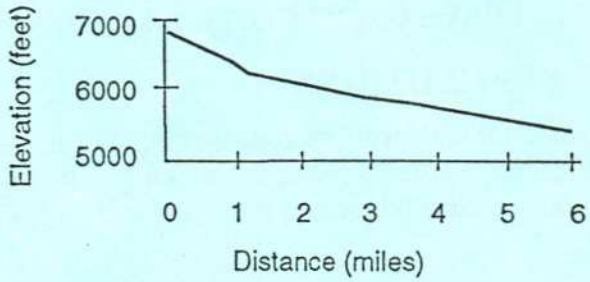
INTRODUCTION

The North Kaibab Ranger District offers the hiker a variety of rewarding and challenging trails for day outings and extended backpacking trips. Challenges include steep, rugged terrain, primitive trails, and lack of water. Among the rewards are solitude, wildlife, sightseeing, and spectacular views of towering cliffs and magnificent canyons. Many of these trails are best suited for the seasoned hiker, but there are trails for every level of expertise. Trails less than 5 miles and 1500 feet of vertical gain (or loss) are rated Easy. Trails between 5 and 10 miles and 1500 and 3000 feet vertical gain/loss are rated Moderate. Trails over 10 miles and 3000+ feet gain/loss are rated Difficult. Use the trail profile graph to help you gauge the difficulty of the trail.



Numbers following trail names (Ranger Trail #41) are included for easy cross reference on the Forest Service North Kaibab Ranger District Map. These trail numbers are posted at trailheads and at periodic intervals along the trails for positive user identification.

Several trails lead into Grand Canyon National Park. Overnight hiking or camping in the Park requires a permit from the National Park Service. Call or write: Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023 (Attention: Back Country Reservations). Telephone: (520) 638-7888.

A few trails are not maintained or signed and are not covered in detail in this Guide. However, they are still shown on the maps.

WEATHER

Some of the trails covered in this Guide have substantial elevation changes that can cause considerable variation in the weather, even on a single day. This is common in mountains everywhere, but is especially true in the Southwest.

Winter can begin with snowstorms as early as September, and snow in May is not uncommon. Continuous snowpack can stretch from the pinyon-juniper woodland to the spruce-fir forests. In the lower elevations snow tends to come and go, although minimum nighttime temperatures near zero (0°F) are a regular occurrence!

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Summer days can be extremely hot in the lower elevations, with temperatures up to 100°F common in July and August. Even in the higher elevations, 85°F can often be expected. May and June are typically the hottest and driest months in the higher elevations...July and August at the lower elevations. From mid-July to mid-September, afternoon thunderstorms occur frequently, especially in the upper part of the plateau.

Fall is generally cool and dry... Spring tends to be cool and moist.

TREAD LIGHTLY ETHIC

Due to the rugged nature of the terrain, trails and campsites are limited to relatively few locations. This makes it extremely important to practice the tread lightly ethic. Some important practices to follow are:

1. Bury human waste and toilet paper in soil at least 4-6" deep, a minimum of 100' from water, and not in drainage bottoms.
2. Pack out all garbage. Animals dig up garbage.
3. Do all washing at least 100 feet away from water sources.
4. Stay on the trail. Cutting across switchbacks causes erosion.
5. Tie horses to a picket line. Tying directly to trees removes bark and exposes roots by trampling.
6. Erase all signs of your campfire.

TAKE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS, LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS

For safety reasons, travel with a companion. Leave word of your travel plans at home and at your "jumping-off" place, if a backcountry visitor register is provided. When you travel in a party, see that no one leaves the group without making it clear where they are going and for how long. Always carry a signal mirror for emergencies.

Watch out for loose or slippery rocks and logs, cliffs, steep grades, and inclined hardpacked snow fields where a misstep can cause an uncontrolled slide or fall. Use your best judgment and never take chances.

CARRY PLENTY OF WATER!

The North Kaibab can be very hot and dry, especially at the lower elevations during summer months.

IN CASE OF INJURY

Injury in remote areas can be the beginning of a real emergency. Stop immediately! Treat the injury if you can and make the victim comfortable. Send or signal for help. If you must go for help, leave someone with the injured person. If rescue is delayed, make an emergency shelter. Stay where you are until help arrives unless there is more danger in remaining there. Always use extreme care in moving anyone who is injured.

LIGHTNING

Being struck by lightning is a very real possibility in high country. During a lightning storm avoid the following: 1) mountain tops or ridges, 2) open areas, 3) shallow caves, 4) rappelling. Safer places are: in a deep cave, between rocks in a boulder field, or in a forested area.

Backpacking is not limited to superhumans; however, it does require physical stamina and a taste for remoteness. Overnight backpacking trips should be undertaken only by those who have hiked easier mountain or forest trails and are familiar with backpacking techniques.

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CRYSTAL SPRING TRAIL #36

Attractions: The Crystal Spring Trail is a short side trip from the North Canyon Trail. It is an easy, scenic hike through meadows and mixed conifer and pine forests. This trail is also part of the Kaibab Plateau Trail.

Length: 0.5 Miles **Use:** Light **Rating:** Easy

Hiking Time: One-half hour round trip from link with Trail #4. A leisurely hike, but because the trailhead is only accessible from Trail #4, add the time required to hike down and back on trail #4 to the link with trail #36...about 1 hour.

Recommended Seasons: Late spring to early fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 8760 feet about 0.5 mile from the upper trailhead of Trail #4.

Access: From North Kaibab Visitor Center go south on AZ 67, 26.5 miles (0.7 miles beyond Demotte Park Campground entrance) and turn east onto FR 611; in 1.4 miles FR 611 crosses FR 610; continue on FR 611 for 1.3 miles to the trailhead of Trail #4. Hike southeast down #4 about 0.5 mile to the beginning of Trail #36. This trail is located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness.
Travel Time: About 1 1/2 hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Last three miles are graveled roads suitable for sedans in dry weather. AZ 67 is closed after the first winter snowfall.

Trail Layout: Trail #36 dead ends at Crystal Spring, but the Kaibab Plateau Trail continues, this is a short side trip from Trail #4.

USGS Map(s): DeMotte (Trail not indicated on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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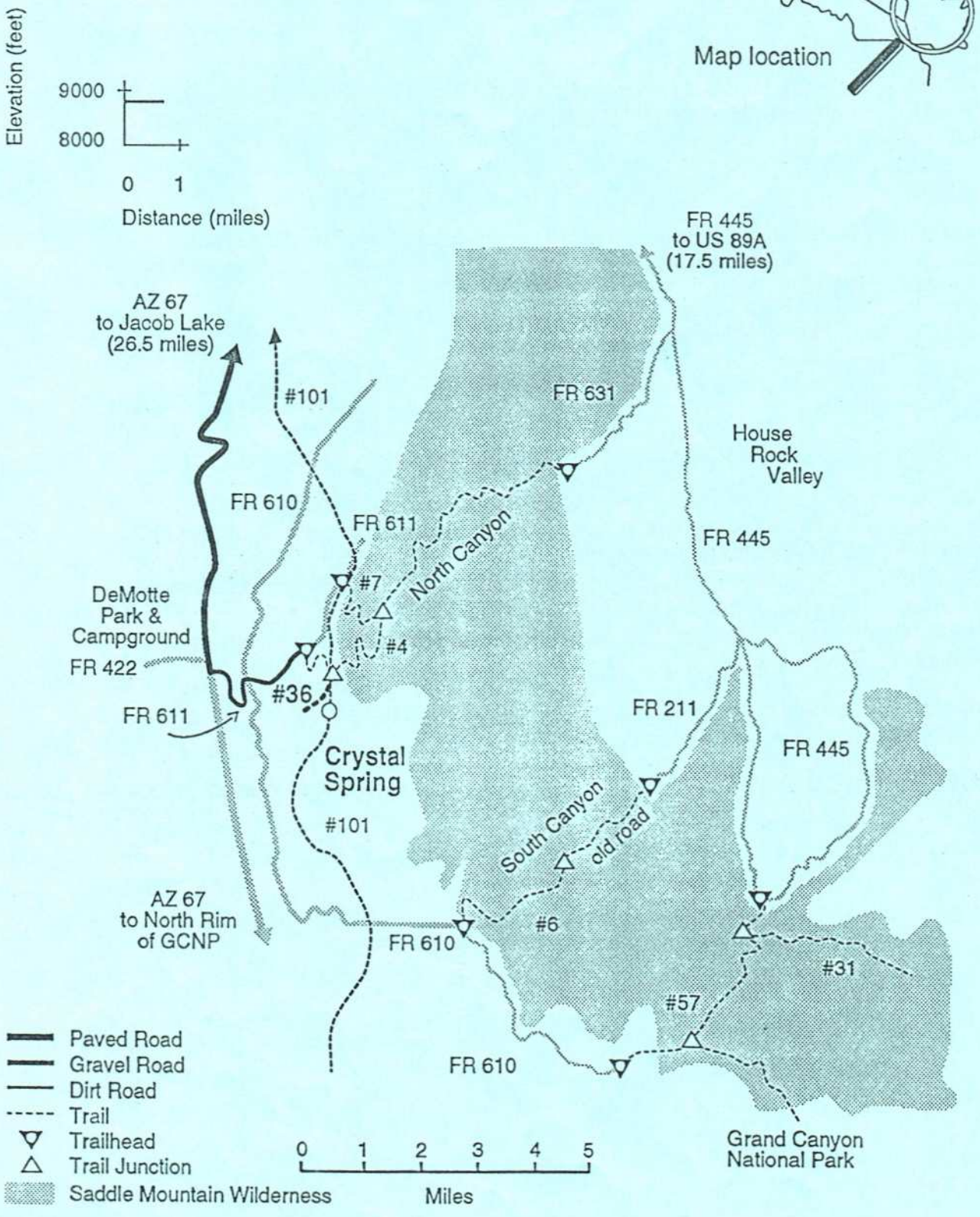
Crystal Springs Trail #36



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EAST RIM TRAIL #7

Attractions: This trail is located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. Beginning at East Rim Viewpoint, Trail #7 makes a steep descent down the rim of North Canyon, passing through mixed conifer forests, oak thickets, ferns, and rock cliffs, before joining the two forks of Trail #4 at the bottom. Because of the steep-sided and narrow pathway on this trail, riders should use only experienced trail horses.

Length: 1.5 Miles **Use:** Light **Rating:** Difficult

Hiking Time: This is a 2 to 3 hour round-trip hike, with an easy descent and a steep climb on the return. Most often this trail is used as a link to either Trail #4 or Trail #36.

Recommended Seasons: Late spring to early fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness area.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 8810 feet in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness at East Rim Viewpoint.

Access: From North Kaibab Visitor Center go south on State Highway 67, 26.5 miles (0.7 miles beyond Demotte Campground entrance) and turn east onto FR 611; in 1.4 miles FR 611 intersects FR 610; continue on FR 611 for 2.6 miles to East Rim Viewpoint where Trail #7 starts at the Wilderness boundary.
Travel Time: About one hour from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Forest Roads 611 and 610 are suitable for sedans in dry weather. AZ 67 is closed after the first winter snowfall.

Trail Layout: This trail provides an alternate entrance or exit connecting to Trail #4 in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. It descends from East Rim Viewpoint into North Canyon, where it joins Trail #4.

USGS Map(s): DeMotte 15' (Trail not indicated on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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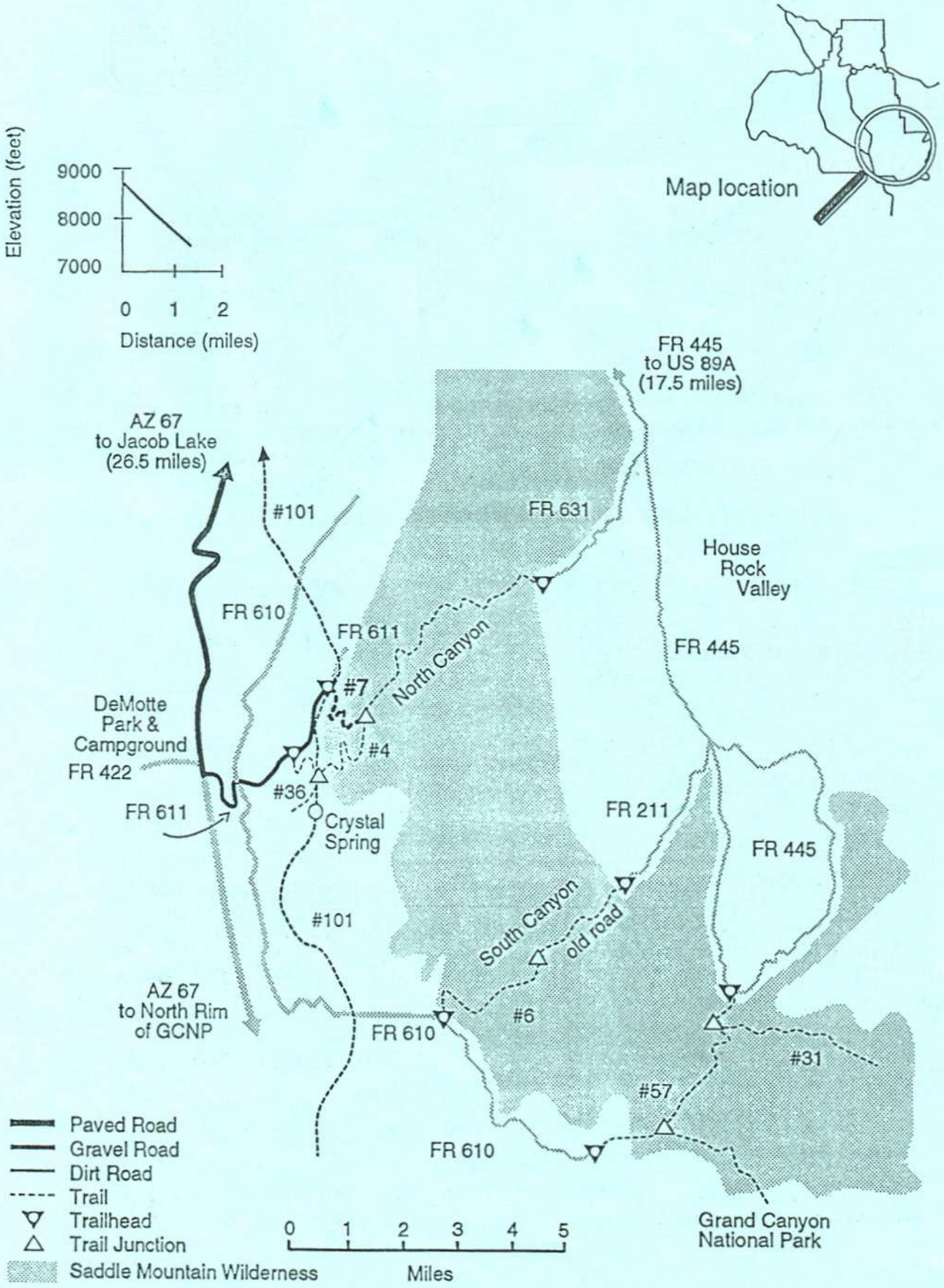

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GOOSENECK TRAIL #112

General Attractions: This trail traverses the length of "the gooseneck" within Kanab Creek Wilderness. The Gooseneck is a long peninsula of land which towers 2,000 feet above the surrounding countryside. Spectacular vistas of the Kanab Creek Wilderness drainages and portions of the Grand Canyon National Park reward the traveler of this trail. The trail twists and turns through pinyon and juniper woodlands before its abrupt end high above Jumpup and Sowats Canyons.

Fee: None

Access: 1/4 mile south of the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center on AZ 67, turn right on Forest Development Road (FDR) 461 and go 5.5 miles to FDR 462 for 3 miles to FDR 22; turn left on FDR 22 and go 8.5 miles to FDR 447; turn right on this road and go 4 miles to FDR 427, turn left and go 2 miles to FDR 227. Turn right and follow FDR 227 for 7 miles to the trailhead. FDRs 461, 462, 22 and 447 are suitable for passenger cars. A high clearance vehicle is recommended on the other roads.

Water and Facilities: None. Bring everything that you will need.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 61 miles

Length of Trail One Way: 5 miles

Elevation: 6,000 feet

USGS Map: Jumpup Point

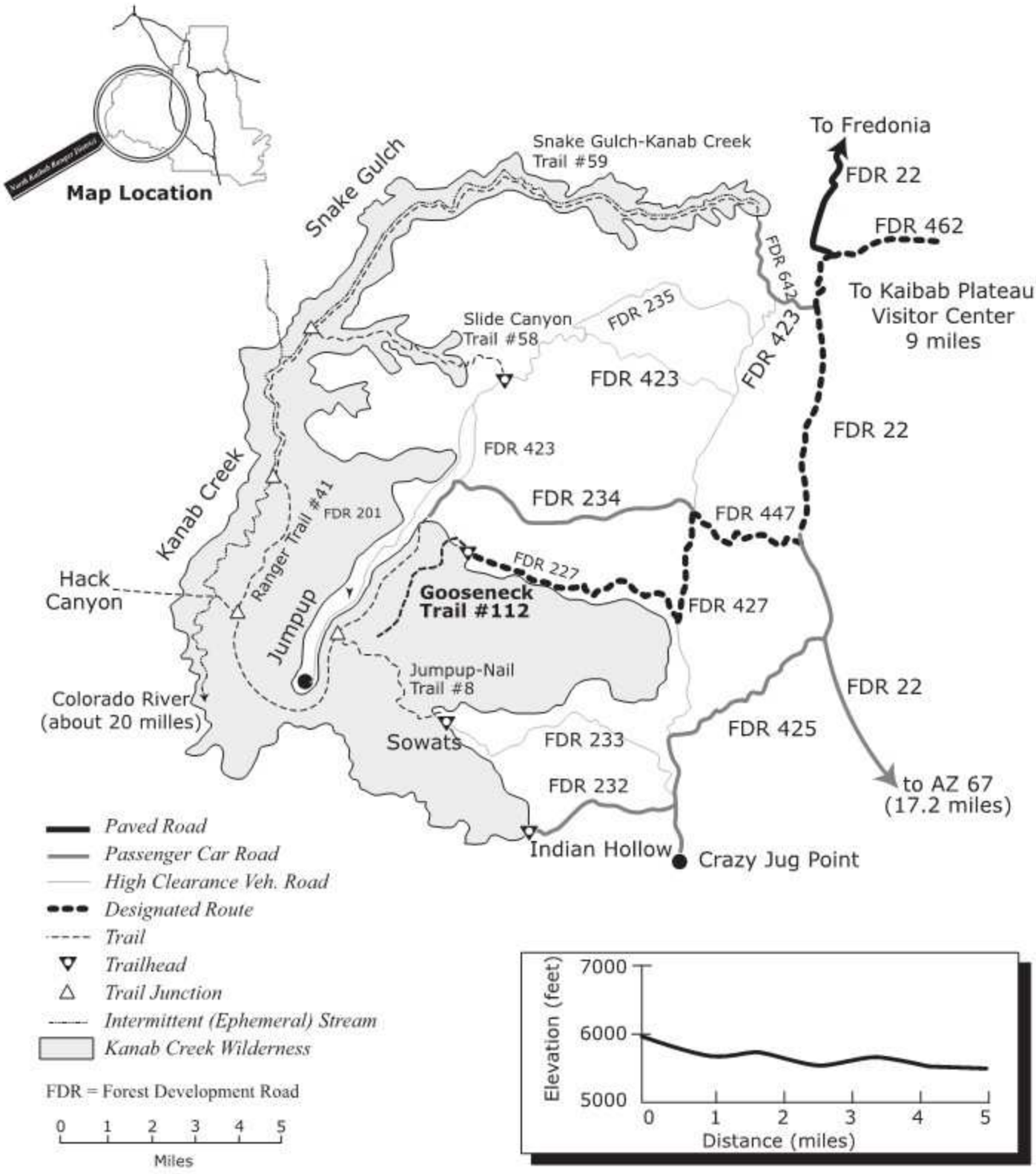
Recommended Season: Late spring and early fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or mechanized equipment may be operated in Kanab Creek Wilderness.

Difficulty: Moderate

Use: Light

Gooseneck Trail #112



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GREAT WESTERN TRAIL #150

General Attractions: The Great Western Trail is a 3,100 mile long trail which extends across the United States from Canada to Mexico. It passes through the states of Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Arizona. Throughout much of its length it is actually a corridor of trails which parallel each other and accommodates a wide variety of both motorized and nonmotorized users. On some sections of the trail these uses are separated and on other sections, they share the same pathway. The 800 mile portion of the Great Western Trail within the state of Arizona will be primarily used as a motorized trail as the existing Arizona Trail, which also runs the length of the state, is designated solely for nonmotorized use. The 30 miles of the trail on the North Kaibab Ranger District overlays a number of existing dirt roads. The route runs from sagebrush/pinyon/juniper country to Ponderosa pine and spruce/fir forest and back down to pinyon/juniper and sagebrush lands.

Fee: None

Access: A high clearance vehicle is recommended on most portions of the trail; on Forest Development Roads (FDR) 283 and 284C a four wheel drive vehicle should be used. Since this route is on open roads, hiking or horse use is not recommended. If you decide to hike, horseback ride or bike this route, please stay alert to vehicular traffic. The route for the Great Western Trail on the North Kaibab Ranger District is listed below:

Northern Forest and BLM boundary on FDR 248A
FDR 248A to FDR 248-1.5 miles
FDR 248 to FDR 247-2 miles
FDR 247 to FDR 249-5.5 miles
FDR 249 to FDR 257-0.5 miles
FDR 257 to US 89A-2.5 miles
Cross US 89A to FDR 225
FDR 225 to FDR 224-6 miles
FDR 224 to FDR 284-2.5 miles
FDR 284 to FDR 284C-1.5 miles
FDR 284C to Forest and BLM boundary-8 miles

Water and Facilities: Fuel, supplies, food and lodging in the proximity of the trail are located at Jacob Lake Inn, which is 3 miles west of the Trail where it crosses US 89A.

Length of Trail One-Way: 30 miles

Elevation: 5,200 to 8,500 feet

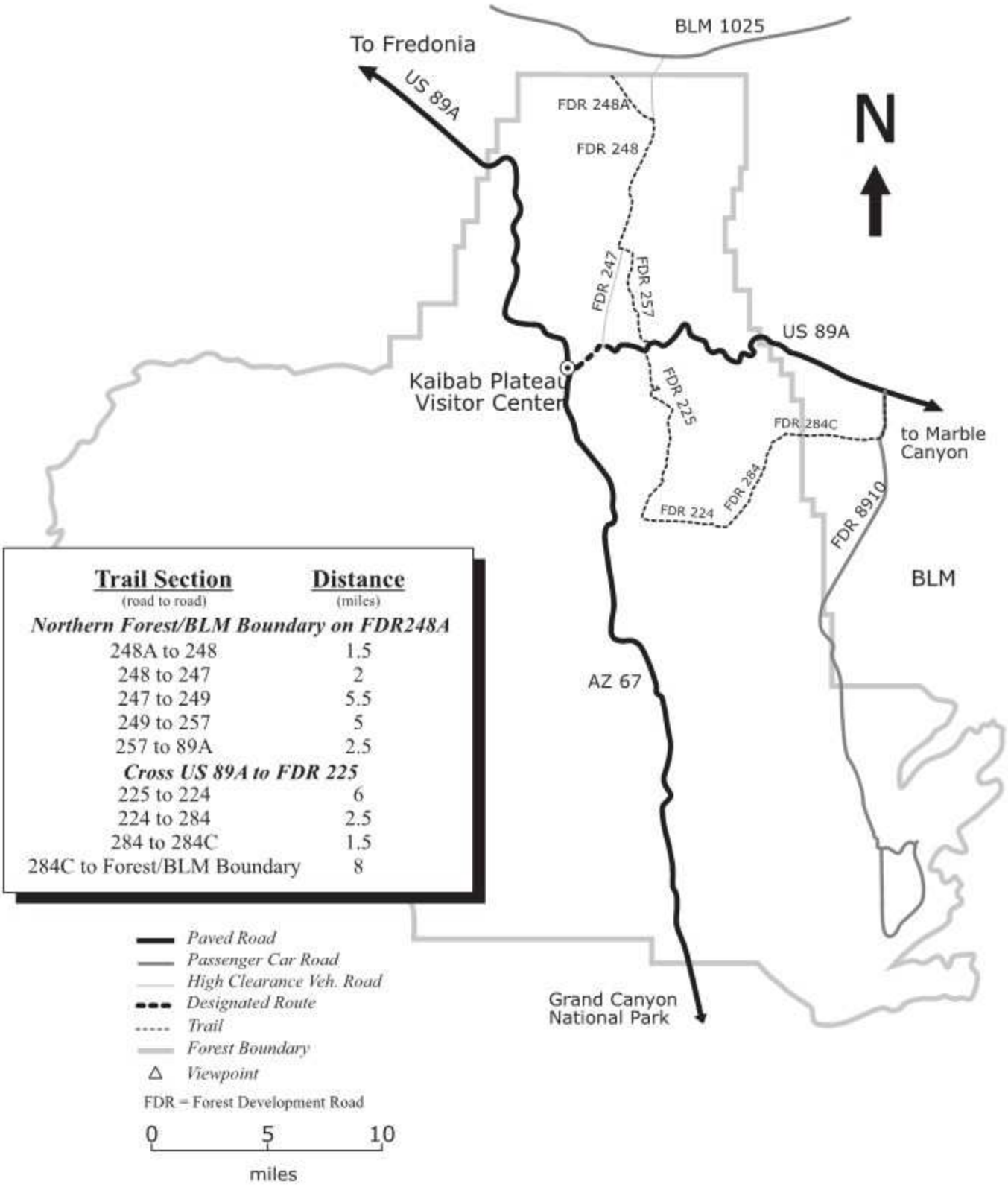
USGS Maps: Buck Pasture Canyon, Cooper Ridge, Jacob Lake, House Rock

Recommended Season: Late spring to fall

Difficulty: No rating

Use: Light

Great Western Trail #150



Trail Section (road to road)	Distance (miles)
Northern Forest/BLM Boundary on FDR248A	
248A to 248	1.5
248 to 247	2
247 to 249	5.5
249 to 257	5
257 to 89A	2.5
Cross US 89A to FDR 225	
225 to 224	6
224 to 284	2.5
284 to 284C	1.5
284C to Forest/BLM Boundary	8

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JUMPUP-NAIL TRAIL #8

Attractions: This trail is located within Kanab Creek Wilderness. As it descends from Sowats point the trail offers a panoramic view of Sowats and Jumpup Canyons while dropping 2,000 feet among vermilion colored cliffs interspersed with natural rock sculptures, pockets of juniper and pinyon and steep, molded sandstone canyons. At the base of the Point, the trail follows a sandy bench to the edge of Sowats Canyon, then crosses it. After leaving Sowats, the trail winds its way around the Point and enters Jumpup Canyon. The Ranger Trail to Kanab Creek joins Trail #8 here, allowing the hiker to continue up Jumpup Canyon until it meets FR 423. Kwagunt Hollow and Sowats Canyon are popular accesses to Kanab Creek and Colorado River. Because of the steep-sided and narrow pathway on this trail, riders should use only experienced trail horses. This trail is in a remote area, with limited water, high summer temperatures, and extremely rugged terrain. It is therefore recommended that specific and current information be obtained from the Visitor Center.

Length: 6 Miles

Use: Moderate to Heavy
Rating: Difficult in first mile; some sections Easy; Difficult again as trail crosses Sowats Canyon.

Hiking Time: Three hours from the trailhead to the link with Trail #41 in Jumpup Canyon. Return trip will take slightly longer because of the steep climb in the last mile.

Recommended Seasons: Spring and fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Kanab Creek Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 6170 feet in the Kanab Creek Wilderness 0.5 mile from end of Forest Road 233.

Access: 1/4 mile south of Visitor Center on AZ 67, turn west on FR 461. Continue west on FR's 461 and 462 for about 9 miles to FR 422. Turn south on 422 and go 11.5 miles (5 miles beyond Big Springs), then turn west on FR 425. Go about 8 miles and turn right on FR 233. Follow 233 about 9 miles to the trailhead. The road ends at Sowats Benchmark, about 0.5 mile beyond the trailhead.

Travel Time: Two hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.

Road Conditions: Approximately 38 miles of gravel and dirt roads, the last 8 miles of which are suitable for high-clearance vehicles only.

Trail Layout: The trail descends from Sowats Point, crosses Sowats Canyon and then descends into Jumpup Canyon where it joins Trail #41.

USGS Map(s): Big Springs and Jumpup Canyon (Trail not shown on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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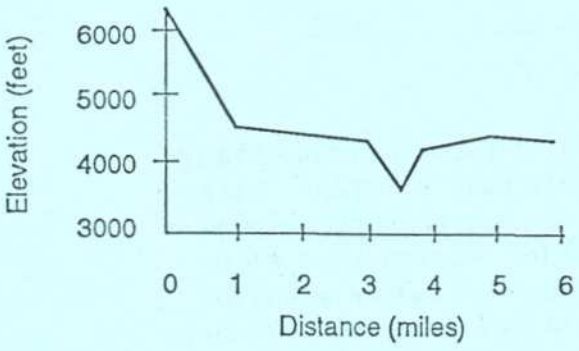
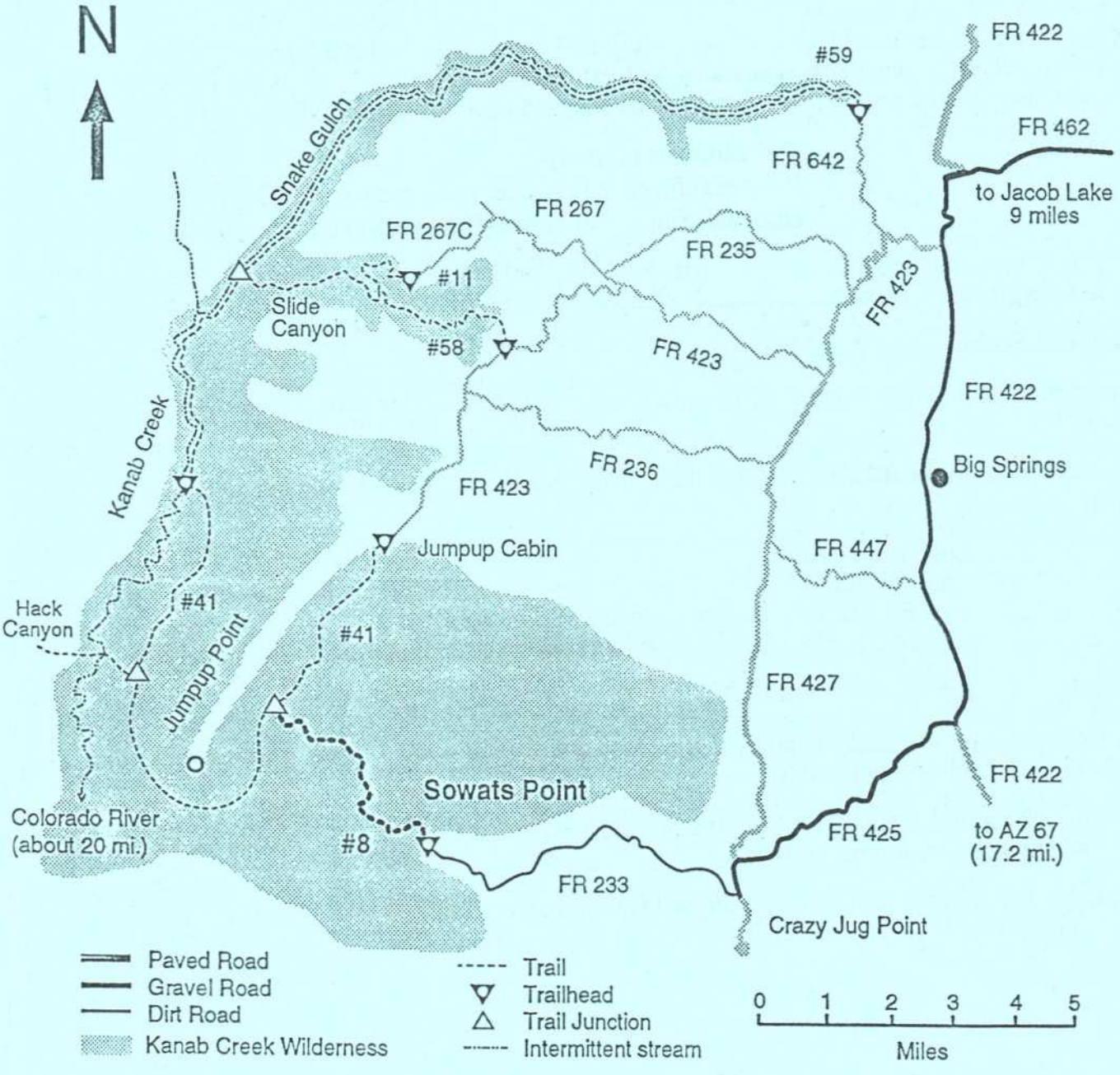
Jumpup-Nail Trail #8





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THE KAIBAB PLATEAU TRAIL (Arizona Trail)

The North Kaibab Ranger District features a section of the Arizona Trail which will eventually span the state from north to south. The trail will start at the Arizona-Utah border and enter the Kaibab National Forest via Orderville Canyon. The trail will traverse the North Kaibab Ranger District, cross Grand Canyon National Park, and then pass on to Flagstaff following the historic Moqui Stage line. From there it will head south across Anderson Mesa on the Coconino National Forest to the Mogollon Rim and the Mazatzal and Superstition Wildernesses on the Tonto National Forest. The trail ends at to the Coronado National Memorial at the Mexican Border.

The portion of the Arizona Trail on the North Kaibab (called the Kaibab Plateau Trail) weaves its way through some of the most scenic landscape in the area. The trail itself was located by members of Arizona State Hiking and Equestrian Committee and Sierra Club with the assistance of North Kaibab Ranger District personnel. The portion from 89A south was constructed by Kaibab Forest Products Company.

The future success of the Arizona Trail and the component trails that make it up, lies largely in the hands of volunteers who will continue to work with government agencies and the private sector to complete the remaining segments, obtain funding to develop signs and maps, and coordinate the joining of segments as they cross political boundaries. The ultimate objective of the Arizona Trail is to establish a non-motorized corridor the entire length of Arizona, for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding.

Trailhead Locations:

1. The northern trailhead of the Kaibab Plateau Trail is located at the intersection of Forest Road 248 and the Forest boundary; about 13 1/2 miles north of US 89A, and 15 1/2 miles from Jacob Lake.
2. Junction of US 89A and Forest Road 205: 2.0 miles northeast of North Kaibab Visitor Center.
3. Junction FR 205: 9 miles south of Jacob Lake on Highway 67 turn left (east) on FR 205. Go 0.3 miles to trailhead.
4. Telephone Hill trailhead: Drive south on Highway 67 to FR 241. Trailhead is located 0.1 mile east of Highway 67.
5. East Rim Viewpoint.
6. Junction FR 610: Drive south on Highway 67 to FR 611 (just south of DeMotte Park). Continue on FR 611 to FR 610. Go right (south) on FR 610 for 6.0 miles to trailhead.

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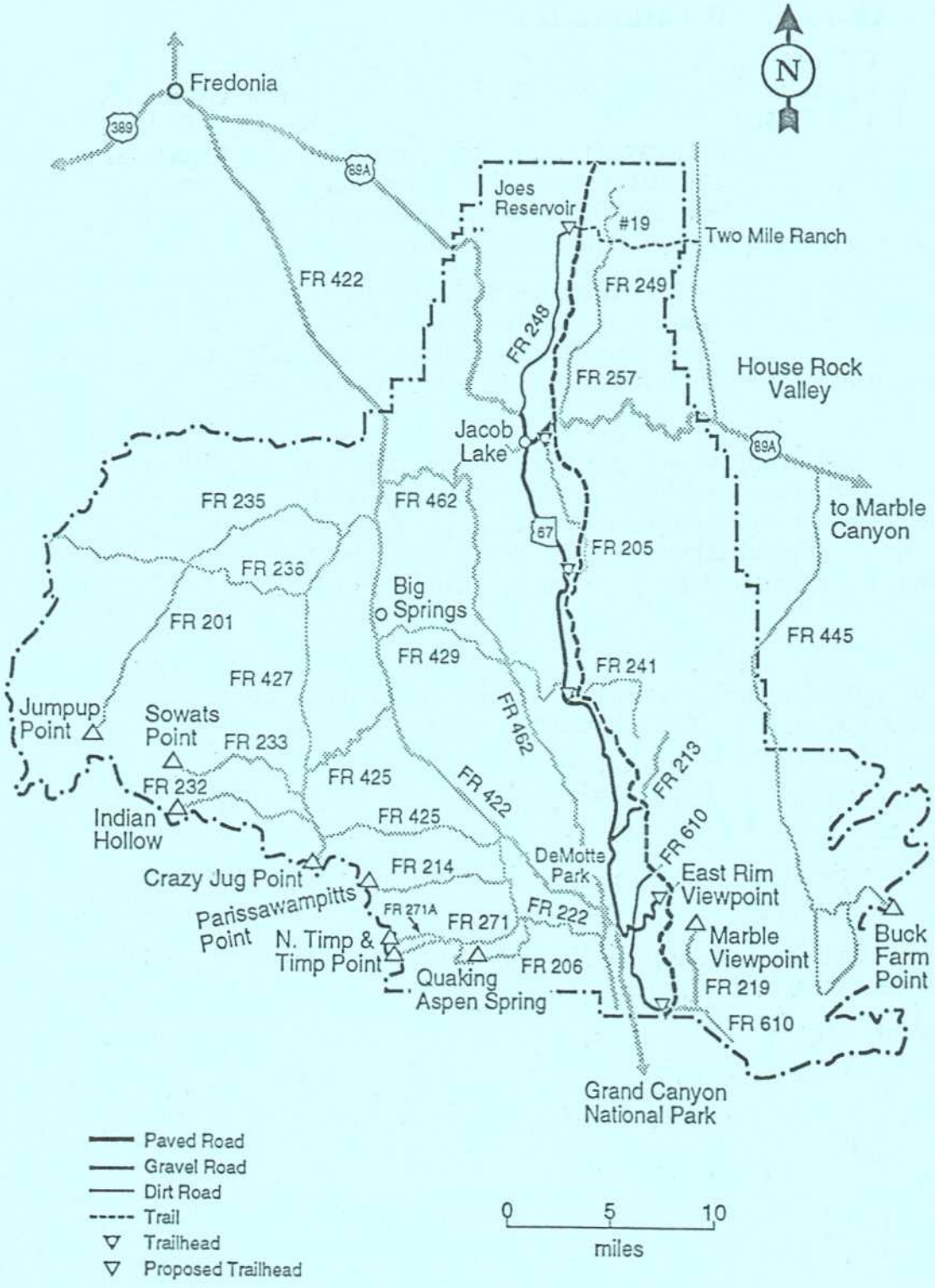

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NANKOWEAP TRAIL #57

Attractions: This trail is located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. In 1881, J. W. Powell and C. D. Walcott blazed a horse trail into Nankoweap basin by following an old Indian path. This is now the Grand Canyon National Park Nankoweap Trail, that joins with Trail #57 on the Forest. Trail #57 off FR 445, climbs to Nankoweap Saddle, passing through big ponderosa pine, red and white cliffs, and steep canyons. At the saddle the hiker can view a multitude of jagged peaks and the drainages of Marble Canyon. The trail is heavily used in the fall and spring by hikers going down the GCNP Nankoweap Trail.

As a result of the 1960 Saddle Mountain fire, locust and aspen have invaded the first mile of the trail off FR 610, leaving this section in poor condition. Because of the steep terrain and narrow pathway, riders should use only experienced trail horses.

Length: 4 Miles **Use:** Moderate to Heavy **Rating:** Difficult

Hiking Time: This hike takes approximately 1 1/2 hours to the connection with Grand Canyon Nankoweap Trail, from the upper trailhead or about 3 hours from upper trailhead to the end of the trail in House Rock Valley (see map).

Recommended Seasons: Spring to early summer; fall to early winter

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Summer-Fall trailhead at 8800 feet at the end of FR 610. Winter-Spring trailhead at 6480 feet at the end of FR 445.

Access #1: From North Kaibab Visitor Center go south on AZ 67 for 26.5 miles (0.7 miles beyond DeMotte Park Campground entrance) and turn east onto FR 611; in about 1.4 miles turn south onto FR 610 and go 12.3 miles to the end of the road at the trailhead.
Travel Time: About 1 1/2 hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Last 14 miles are over gravel and dirt roads suitable for sedans in dry weather. AZ 67 is closed after the first snowfall.

Access #2: About 20 miles east of North Kaibab Visitor Center on US 89A turn south on FR 445: go 27 miles to the trailhead. (Stay on right-hand fork of FR 445.)
Travel Time: About 2 hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Suitable for sedans in dry weather.

Trail Layout: Trail #57 traverses the southeast corner of the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. It connects to Grand Canyon National Park Nankoweap Trail as well as FS Trail #31.

USGS Map(s): Nankoweap (Trail not indicated on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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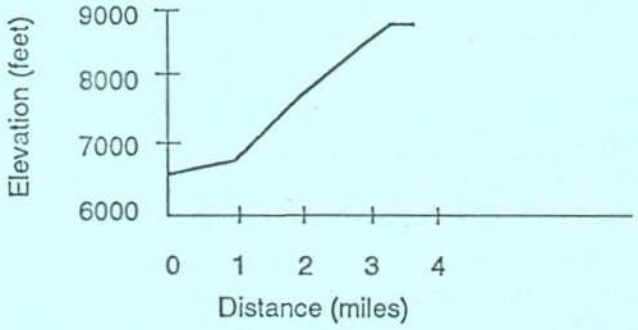
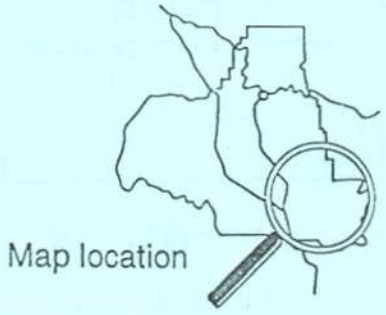
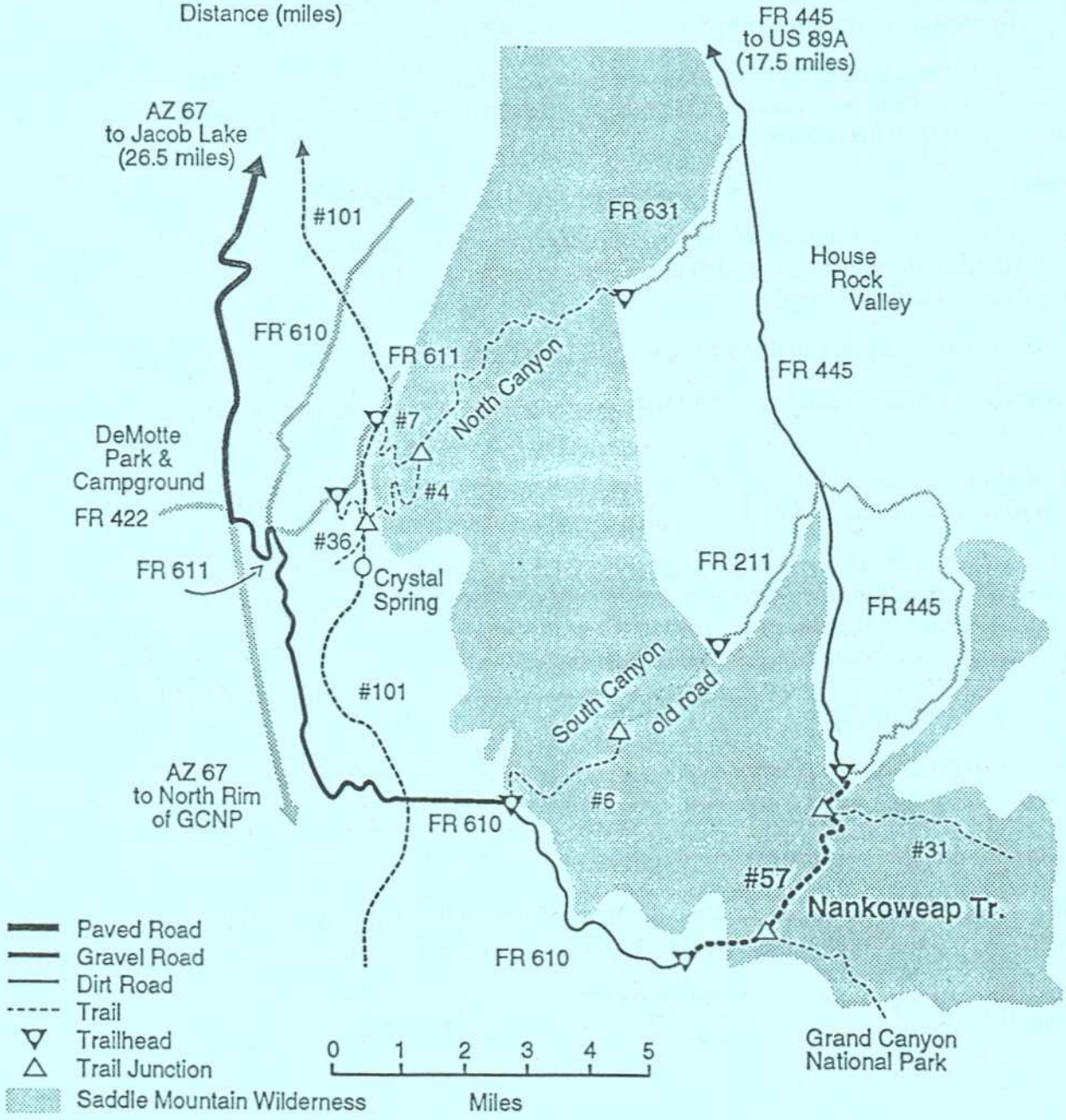
Nankoweap Trail #57







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NAVAJO TRAIL #19

Attractions: The Navajo Trail is an old Indian and sheepherding trail. In 1871, John D. Lee (see HISTORY section) traversed Buckskin Mountain (Kaibab Plateau) by way of "a well-used horsepath"; he is believed to be the first Anglo to use what is now called the Navajo Trail.

The trail traverses the scenic pinyon and juniper forests of House Rock Valley and the oak and pine of the Kaibab Plateau. It overlooks the Paria Plateau and its unique, wind, and watersculpted red rock formations.

This is a connecting trailhead with the Kaibab Plateau Trail (part of the Arizona Trail). The Navajo Trail continues west from Joe's Reservoir, across the plateau to the Forest boundary.

Length: 12 Miles **Use:** Very low **Rating:** Moderate

Hiking Time: An 8-hour hike from the trailhead in House Rock Valley to the trailhead on the northwest boundary of the forest.

Recommended Seasons: Spring to early summer; fall to early winter

Use Restrictions: No motorized equipment or motor vehicles may be operated on the trail.

Trailhead Location: Summer-Fall trailhead at 6800 feet on FR 248 at Joe's Reservoir. Winter trailhead on House Rock Road at Two Mile Ranch.

Access #1: From North Kaibab Visitor Center go west on US 89A for 2 miles and turn north onto FR 248; continue on FR 248 for 11 miles to Joe's Reservoir.
Travel Time: About 1/2 hour from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Suitable for sedans in dry weather.

Access #2: About 11 miles east of North Kaibab Visitor Center on US 89A (0.5 mile east of Forest boundary) turn north at the abandoned gas station; go 7 miles to the Two Mile Ranch and trailhead on west side of road.
Travel Time: About 1 hour from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Suitable for sedans in dry weather.

Access #3: From the North Kaibab Visitor Center go west on Highway 89A 15 miles to FR 248D. Go 0.5 miles; turn left and continue on this road for 4 miles. Turn right (east) along fenceline for 0.6 miles to trailhead.
Travel Time: About 45 minutes from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Suitable for high clearance vehicles.

USGS Map(s): Houserock Spring (Trail not indicated on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for small fee.)

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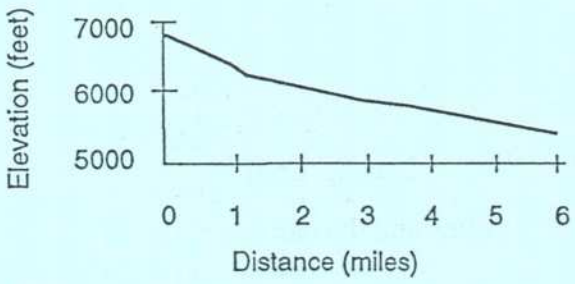

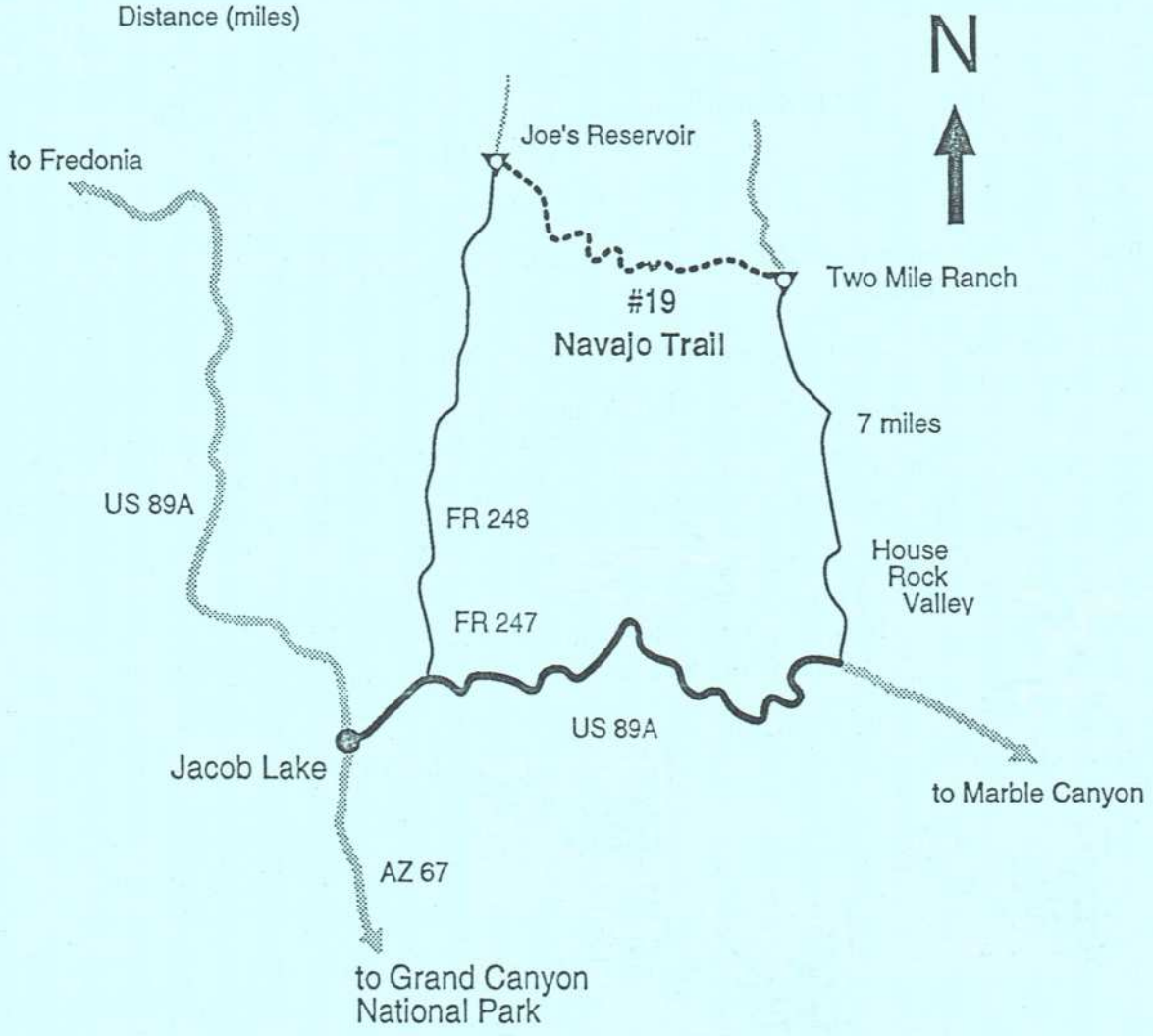

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NORTH CANYON TRAIL #4

Attractions: This trail is located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. Beginning from FR 611, the trail descends through mixed conifer and oak thickets into North Canyon. The trail then leads back and forth across a small stream as it follows the canyon down to the lower trailhead at FR 631. There is a perennial stream in the upper reaches of the canyon, with protected, native trout inhabiting some of the larger pools. Birds, flowers, and plants exist here that are seen nowhere else on the Plateau. Only experience trail horses should attempt this trail due to steep drop-offs and narrow passages.

Length: 7 Miles

Use: Light
Rating: Difficult except for a few Easy sections.

Hiking Time: From the upper trailhead at the Wilderness boundary down North Canyon to the lower trailhead in House Rock Valley...about 4 hours. To reverse this direction, and start at the lower trailhead...6 hours.

Riding Time: Two hours to House Rock Valley.

Recommended Seasons: Late spring to early fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Upper trailhead at 8800 feet on FR 611 near the Saddle Mountain Wilderness boundary. Lower trailhead at 6130 feet where FR 631 leaves North Canyon.

Access #1: From North Kaibab Visitor Center go south on AZ 67 for 26.5 miles (0.6 miles beyond DeMotte Campground entrance) and turn east onto FR 611; in 1.4 miles FR 611 crosses FR 610 and continues east about 1.3 miles to the trailhead.
Travel Time: About one hour from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: FR 611 is suitable for sedans in dry weather. AZ 67 is closed after the first winter snowfall.

Access #2: About 20 miles east of North Kaibab Visitor Center on US 89A, turn south on FR 445; go 17.5 miles and turn right onto FR 631; go 3 miles to the trailhead.
Travel Time: About 2 hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Suitable for pickups and 4-wheel drive vehicles.

Trail Layout: Trail #4 is the entrance to the northern part of Saddle Mountain Wilderness. It connects with Trail #7 (East Rim), Trail #36 (Crystal Spring) and the Kaibab Plateau Trail.

USGS Map(s): DeMotte Park (Trail not shown on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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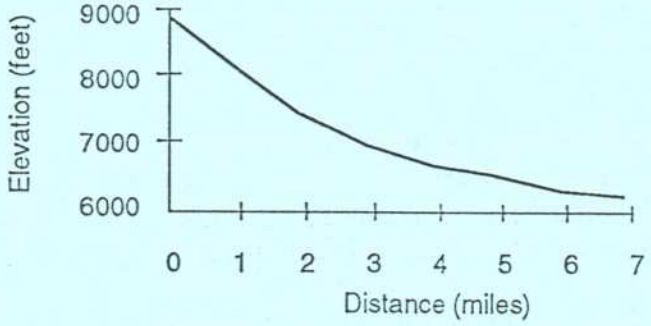
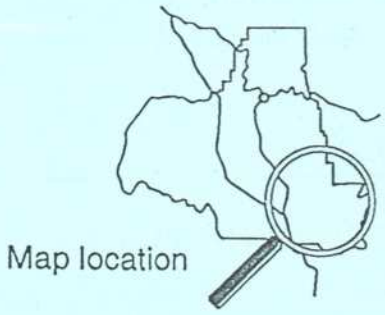
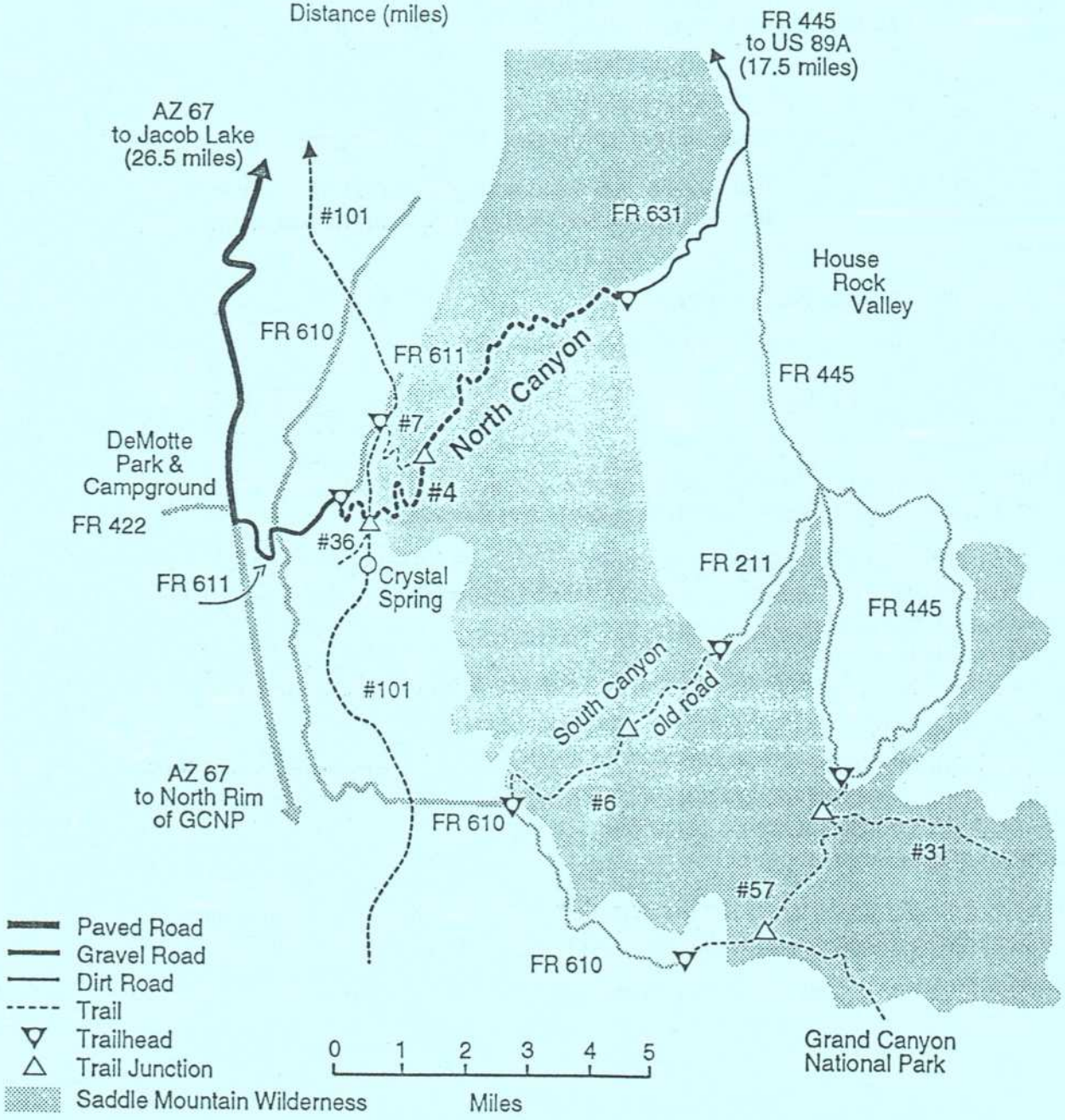
North Canyon Trail #4







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RAINBOW RIM TRAIL #10

General Attractions: Located along the rim of the Grand Canyon and connecting five large 'Points' of land which overhang the Canyon and the Arizona Strip. The five 'Points' are: Parissawampitts, Fence, Locust, North Timp and Timp. Each offers a different view and perspective of the Grand Canyon.
Features such as Powell Plateau, Steamboat Mountain, Ta peats Amphitheater and Great Thumb Mesa, as well as numerous other features. In addition to the areas along the rim the trail passes through a forest of Ponderosa pine and drops into a number of steep-side canyons filled with groves of aspens and small meadows.
Fee: None
Access: Go 26.5 miles south of the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center on Hwy 67, turn right onto FDR 22.
For Parissawampitts TH (latitude/longitude 36 25.124, -112 22.014). Go 10.5 miles to FDR 206, turn left and continue on FDR 206 for 3.5 miles and turn right onto FDR 214 and go 8 miles to the Parissawampitts viewpoint.
For Fence TH (latitude/longitude 36 24.324, -112 22.11). Continue on FDR 206 for an additional 1.5 miles to FDR 271, turn right, go .1 mile to FDR 294, continue on FDR 294 .1 mile to FDR 293 go 8 miles to the viewpoint.
Locust TH (latitude/longitude 36 23.912, -112 21.488). Follow FDR 294 for about 8 miles to the trailhead.
North Timp TH (latitude/longitude 36 23.399, -112 21.378). From the junction of FDR 206 and FDR 271, follow FDR 271 for 5 miles to FDR 271A, turn right onto FDR 271A and go for 3 miles to the viewpoint.
Timp TH (latitude/longitude 36 22.909, -112 21.387). From the junction of FDR 206 and FDR 271 follow FDR 271 for 8 miles to the trail head.
Rainbow Rim East (latitude/longitude 36 24.024, -112 14.315). Follow directions for Locust. Trailhead will be on left about 0.1 miles
Water and Facilities: None. Take everything you will need.
Round Trip Driving Distance from the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center:
Parrissawampitts = 97 miles. Fence, Timp, North Timp (100 Miles).
Rainbow Rim East = 84 miles
Length of trail one way: 27.5 miles
Elevation: 7550 - 8500 feet
USGS Map: Timp Point and Demotte Park
Recommended Season: Late spring to fall
Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles including e-bikes
Difficulty: Difficult
Use: Moderate

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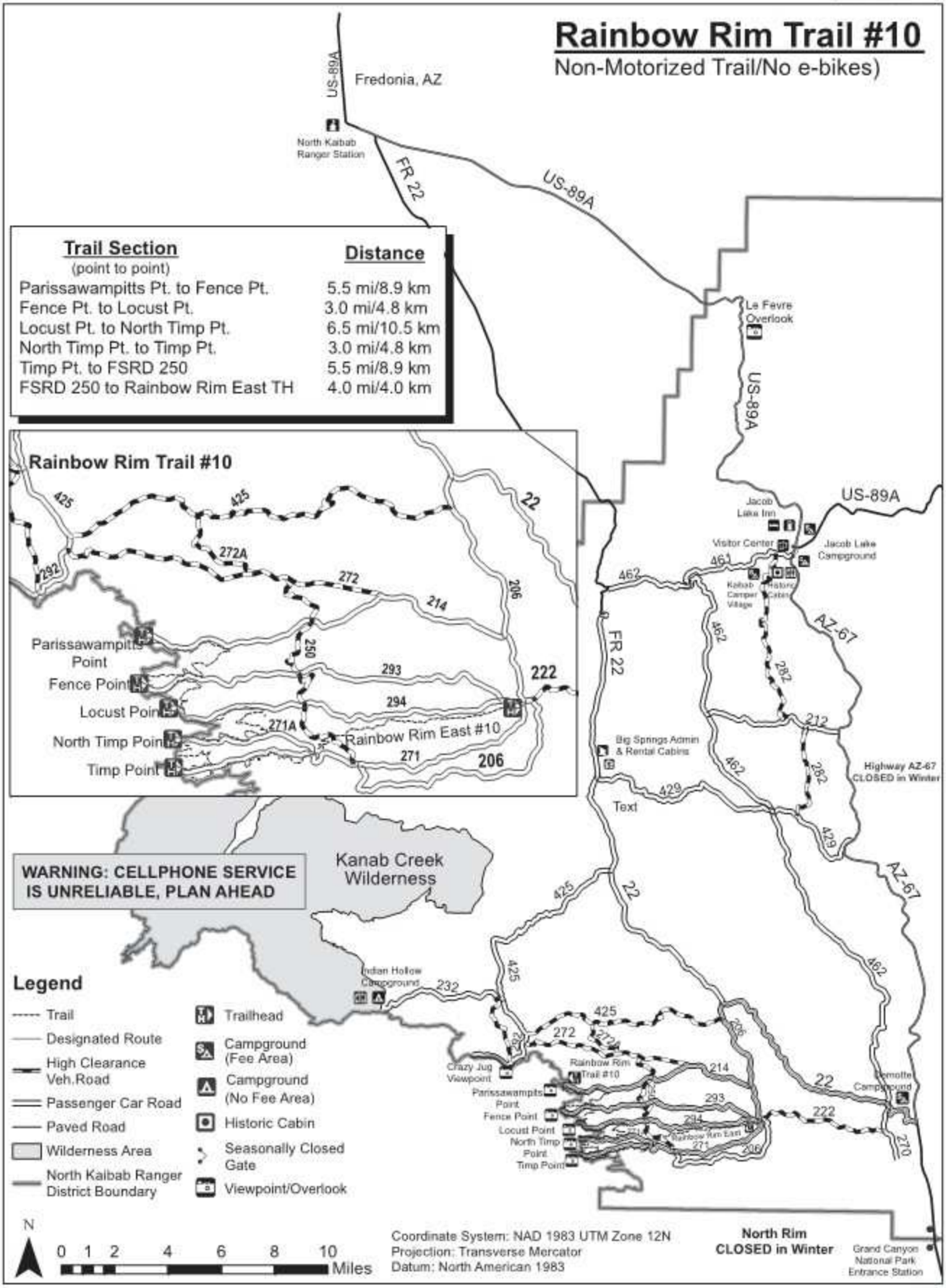
Rainbow Rim Trail #10
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FR 22
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Trail Section (point to point) | Distance
Parissawampitts Pt. to Fence Pt. 5.5 mi/8.9 km
Fence Pt. to Locust Pt. 3.0 mi/4.8 km
Locust Pt. to North Timp Pt. 6.5 mi/10.5 km
North Timp Pt. to Timp Pt. 3.0 mi/4.8 km
Timp Pt. to FSRD 250 5.5 mi/8.9 km
FSRD 250 to Rainbow Rim East TH 4.0 mi/4.0 km
Le Fevre Overlook
US-89A
Rainbow Rim Trail #10
Parissawampitts Point
Fence Point
Locust Point
North Timp Point
Timp Point
Rainbow Rim East #10
Jacob Lake Inn
Visitor Center
Jacob Lake Campground
Kaibab Camper Village
Historic Cabin
US-89A
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FR 22
Big Springs Admin & Rental Cabins
Highway AZ-67 CLOSED in Winter
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Historic Cabin
Seasonally Closed Gate
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RANGER TRAIL #41

Attractions: This trail is located within the Kanab Creek Wilderness. Towering perpendicular cliffs hug the trail on the east, while the broad expanse of Kanab Creek and its tributaries spread out to the west. This trail is in a remote area, with limited water, high summer temperatures, and extremely rugged terrain. It is therefore recommended that specific and current information be obtained from the Visitor Center.

Length: 17 Miles **Use:** Light **Rating:** Easy to Moderate

Hiking Time: 2 to 3 days from the trailhead to link with Trail #59 in Kanab Creek Canyon. Add 2 to 3 days to either return to the trailhead or continue on Trail #59 to its trailhead in Snake Gulch.

Recommended Seasons: Spring, fall to early winter

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Kanab Creek Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 5580' in the Kanab Creek Wilderness, at the end of Forest Road 423.

Access: 1/4 mile south of North Kaibab Visitor Center on AZ 67, turn west on FR 461. Continue west on FR's 461 and 462 for about 9 miles to FR 422. Turn south on 422 and go 2 miles to FR 423. Follow 423 for 3.3 miles to FR 235. Continue on FR 235 for about 7 miles until it becomes FR 423 again (now going southwest). Follow FR 423 about 8 miles to the end of the road at Jumpup Cabin.

Travel Time: About 1 1/2 hours from Jacob Lake to trailhead at Jumpup Canyon.

Road Conditions: 30 miles of dirt and gravel roads, the last 8 miles are suitable for trucks and 4-wheel drive vehicles only! This road may not be passable in early spring.

Trail Layout: Trail #41 descends southwesterly into Jumpup Canyon for about 4 miles then leaves the canyon just above Lower Jumpup Spring. Trail #8 leaves the canyon at this same point and goes east about 6 miles to the end of FR 233. Trail #41 then follows the general contour of a sandstone bench that encircles the Jumpup Point promontory. As it swings around to a northerly direction it crosses Lawson Canyon. Just before descending into this canyon, an unmarked trail joins Kanab Creek from Hack Canyon on BLM land. Trail #41 crosses Lawson, Dinner Pockets, and Big Cove Canyons and descends into Kanab Creek Canyon about 5 miles beyond Lawson. It ends in the canyon where it joins Trail #59.

USGS Map(s): Big Springs and Jumpup Canyon (Trail not shown on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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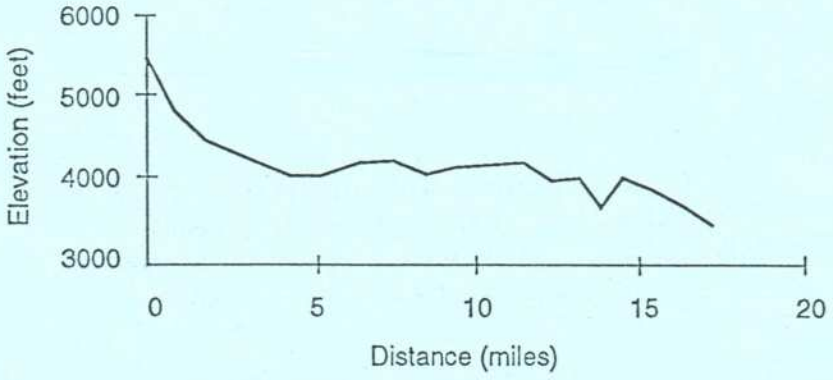
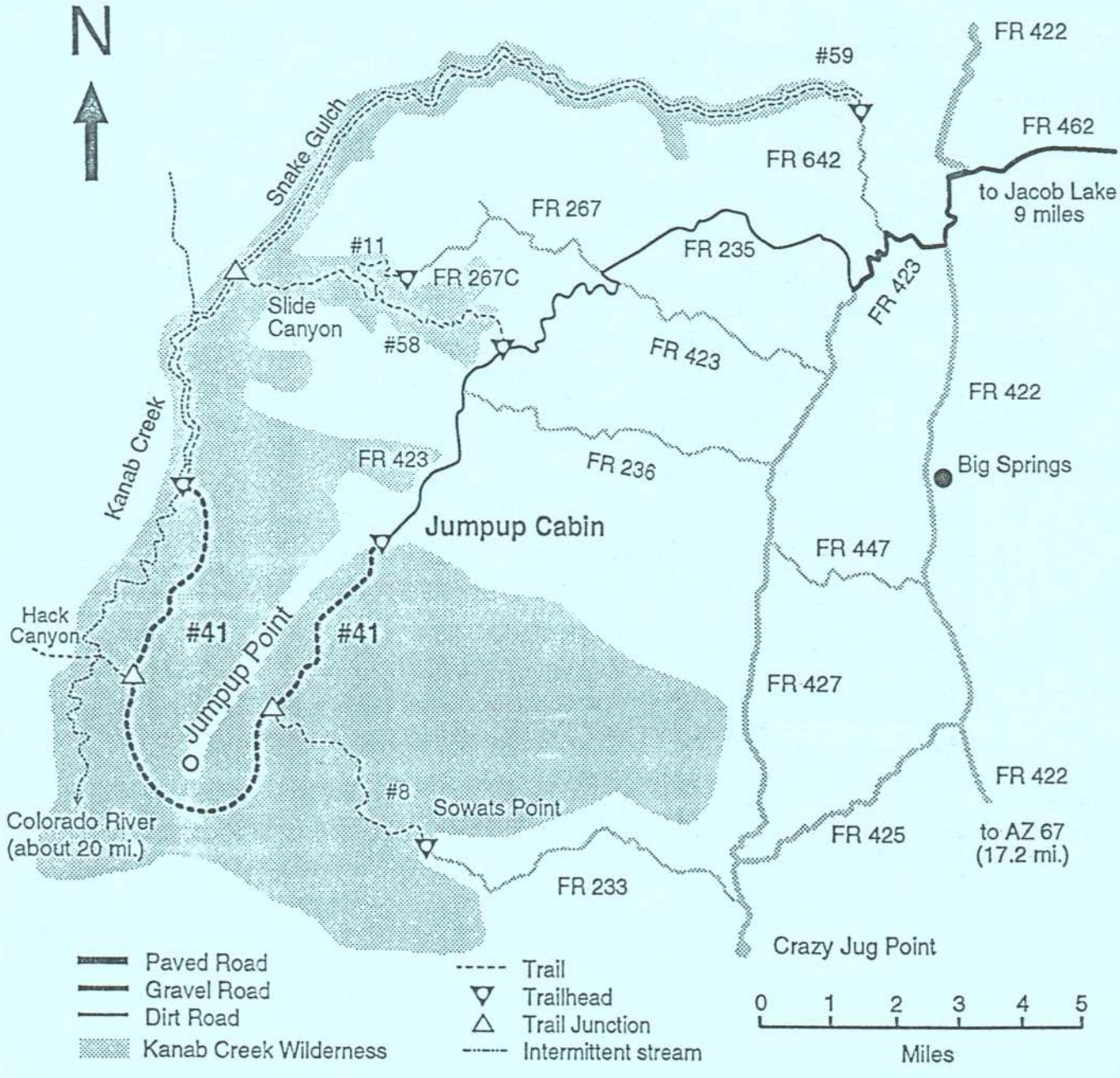
Ranger Trail #41





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SNAKE GULCH-KANAB CREEK TRAIL #59

Attractions: The Snake Gulch trail winds past multi-colored cliffs, red and yellow painted pictographs, and a few old homesteads. Upon joining Kanab Creek, the trail follows the riparian area with its streamside cottonwoods, red sandstone cliffs, oak thickets, and wide sandy benches. Just south of Jensen Canyon the trail leaves Kanab Creek and at this point becomes Ranger Trail #41. Trail #59 is in a remote area, with limited water, high summer temperatures, and extremely rugged terrain. It is therefore recommended that specific and current information be obtained from the Visitor Center.

Length: 21.5 Miles **Rating:** Easy **Use:** Light

Hiking Time: 2 to 3 days from the trailhead to the link with Trail #41 in Kanab Creek Canyon. Add 2 to 3 days to either return to trailhead, or continue on Trail #41 to Jumpup Cabin.

Riding Time: 1 to 2 days

Recommended Seasons: Spring to early summer, fall to early winter

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Kanab Creek Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 5860' in the Kanab Creek Wilderness, at the end of Forest Road 642.

Access: 1/4 mile south of Visitor Center on AZ 67, turn west on FR 461. Go west on FR's 461 & 462 for about 9 miles to FR 422, then turn south for 2 miles to FR 423. Go west on 423 for 1.3 miles to FR 642. Go north on 642 to the end of the road (about 2 miles) at the trailhead.

Travel Time: Approximately 30 minutes from Visitor Center to the trailhead.

Road Conditions: Approximately 15 miles of dirt and gravel roads suitable for sedans in dry weather.

Trail Layout: Trail #59 joins Trail #41 in Kanab Creek Canyon about 3 miles downstream from the confluence with Snake Gulch. Trail #59 continues down the canyon beyond Trail #41, but is not signed or maintained beyond this point. Two miles upstream from Kanab Creek, it is possible to leave Snake Gulch by way of Slide Canyon Trail #58 (not signed or maintained). This trail ends at FR 423, about 7 miles east of Trail #59. Halfway down Trail #59, the Swapp Trail (#50) leaves Snake Gulch, offering another entrance to this area from the BLM side (north) of Snake Gulch .

USGS Map(s): Big Springs & Jumpup Canyon (Trail not shown on map–see Forest Map...available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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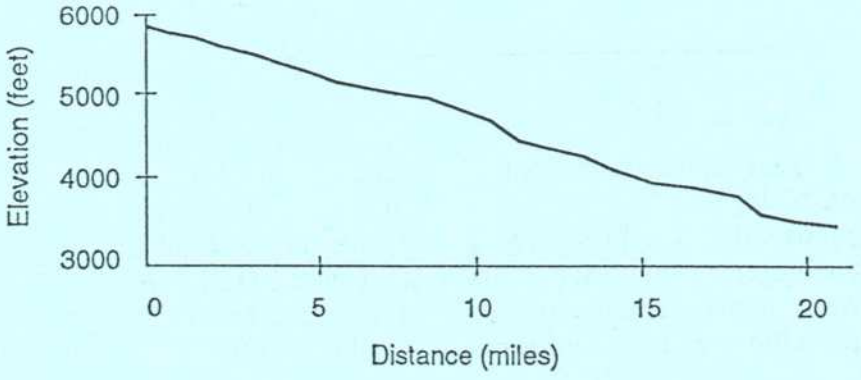

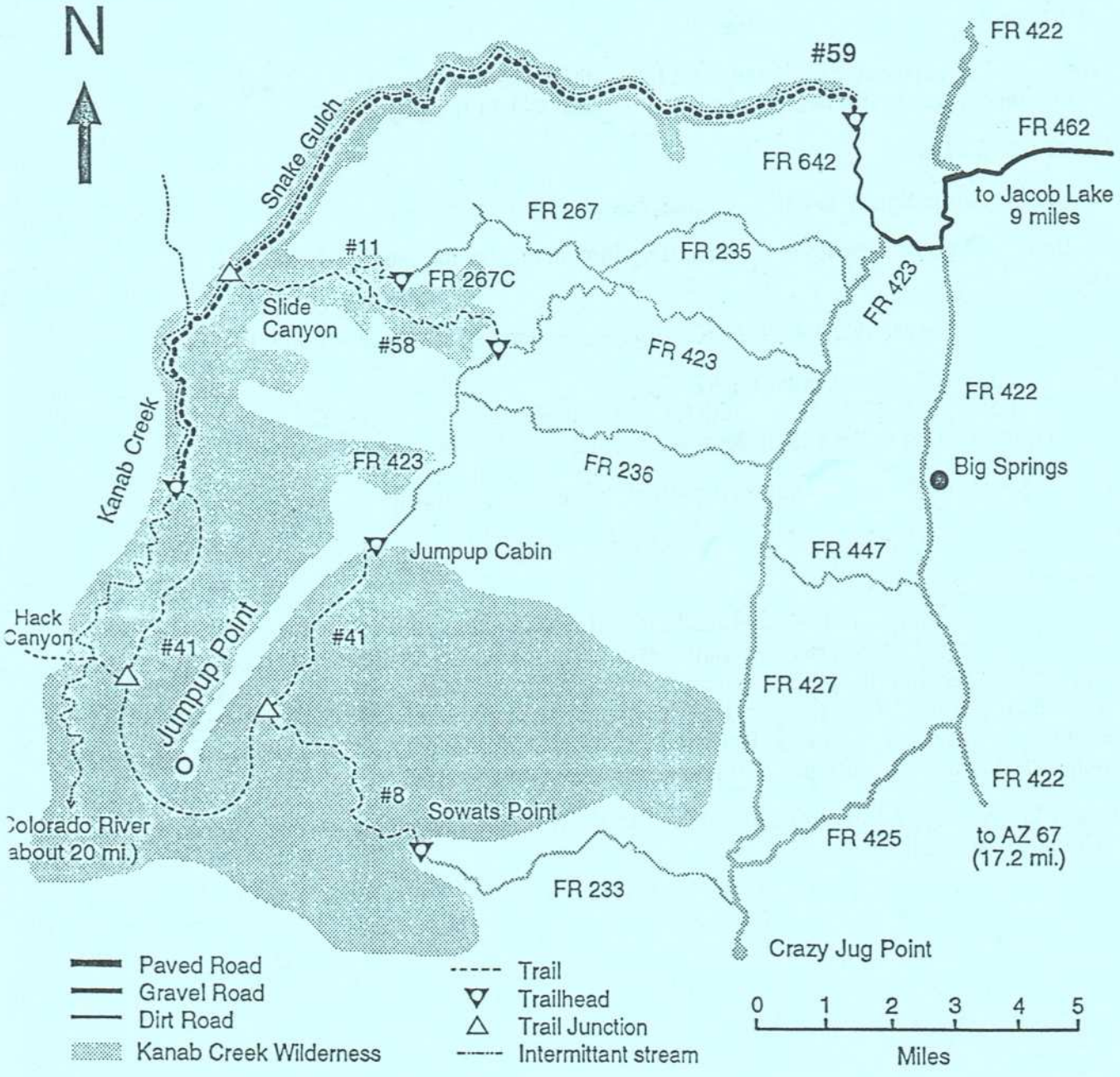

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SADDLE MOUNTAIN TRAIL #31

Attractions: Saddle Mountain Trail is located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. It offers a panoramic view of House Rock Valley with Marble Canyon, the Vermilion Cliffs, and the Kaibab Plateau as a backdrop. The trail travels along a bench of pinyon-juniper woodland, and, although it ends about one mile before reaching the edge of Marble Canyon, there is easy access to the edge. The view of the Colorado River is well worth the hike. It is also worthwhile to note that this trail is in a remote area, with limited water and high summer temperatures.

Length: 6 Miles **Use:** Light **Rating:** Easy

Hiking Time: This is a 4 to 6 hour round trip from the link with Trail #57, or from the trailhead on Forest Road 445.

Recommended Seasons: Spring to early summer; fall to early winter

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 6560 feet) in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness off Trail #57.

Access: From North Kaibab Visitor Center go east on US 89A for about 20 miles and turn south on FR 445; go 27 miles to the Wilderness boundary and Trail # 57 trailhead. (Stay on right-hand fork of FR 445.)
Travel Time: About two hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Last 27 miles are over a dirt road suitable for sedans in dry weather.

Trail Layout: Trail #31 leaves Trail #57 about 1.0 mile from the trailhead at FR 445. Its path generally follows the contour of a bench overlooking Marble Canyon. This trail terminates about five miles from its starting point, leaving you to return over the same route by which you came.

USGS Map(s): Nankoweap (Trail not indicated on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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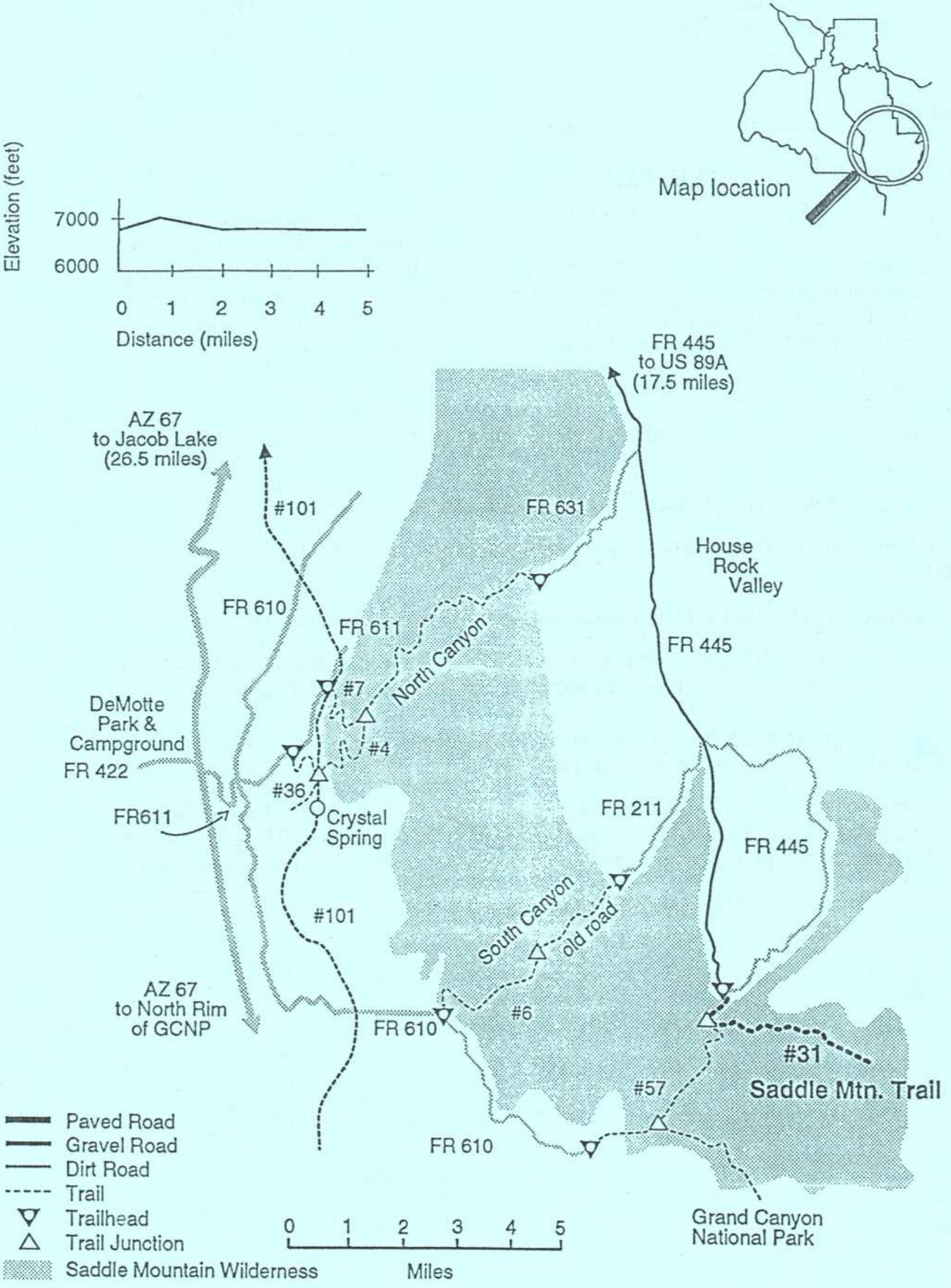

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SOUTH CANYON TRAIL #6

Attractions: This scenic trail, located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness, provides glimpses of Marble Canyon as it leads through sidehills of ferns, aspen, mixed conifer and rock outcroppings. Because of the steep-sided and narrow pathway on this trail, riders should use only experienced trail horses.

Length: 2.5 Miles **Use:** Light **Rating:** Moderate

Hiking Time: A round-trip hike will take about 2 to 3 hours. The descent is easy; the climb back out is moderate. A one-way hike, with a pick up at the bottom, is a 2 hour walk.

Recommended Seasons: Late spring to early fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 8800 feet, 0.3 mile off FR 610, 0.8 mile after intersection of FR's 610 and 219.

Access: Go south on AZ 67, 26.5 miles from Visitor Center (0.7 miles beyond Demotte Campground entrance) and turn east onto FR 611; go 1.4 miles and turn south onto FR 610; follow FR 610 for 7 1/2 miles to the trailhead sign.
Travel Time: About 1 1/2 hours from North Kaibab Visitor Center.
Road Conditions: Forest Roads 611 and 610 are suitable for sedans in dry weather. AZ 67 is closed after the first winter snowfall.

Trail Layout: Starting at the upper trailhead, trail #6 descends steeply into South Canyon; then follows the Canyon bottom. Near the end of Trail #6, an old road for the pipeline that supplies water to the Buffalo Ranch, continues down the canyon, connecting with FR 211 in House Rock Valley at the Wilderness boundary.

USGS Map(s): DeMotte (Trail not indicated on map–see Forest Map... available at Visitor Center for a small fee.)

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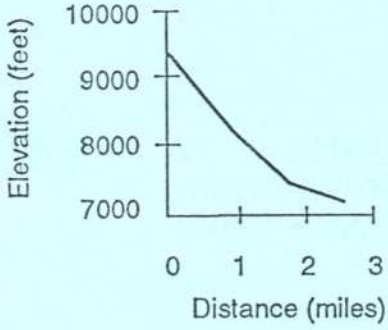
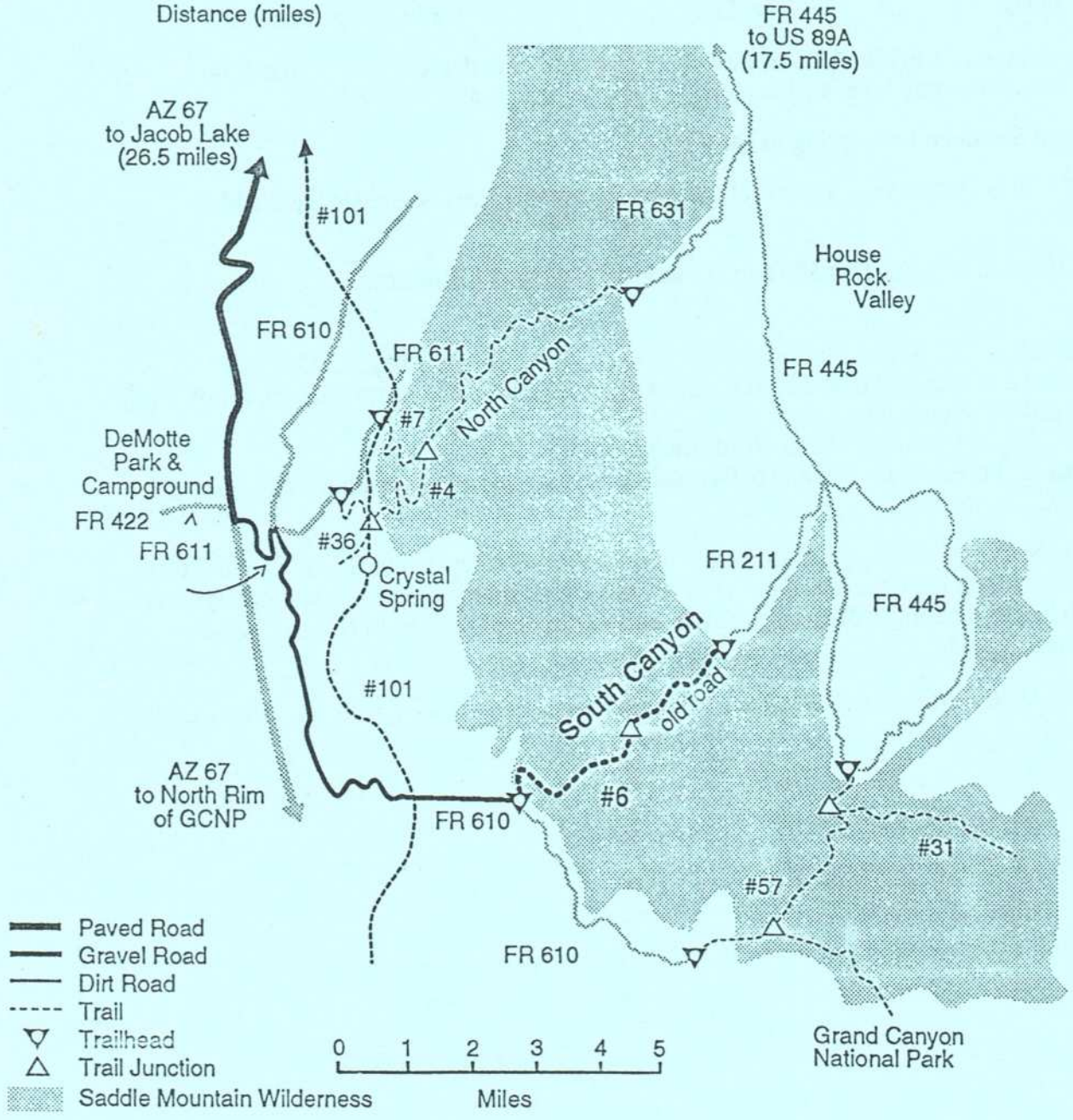
South Canyon Trail #6





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TRAILS

TRIPLE ALCOVES TRAIL #27

General Attractions: This scenic trail is located within the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. An easy walk through a pinyon/juniper woodland brings the hiker abruptly to the rim of Marble Canyon. This breathtaking scene from the edge of the canyon includes broad views of Marble Canyon, the Triple Alcoves and President Harding Rapids of the Colorado River, which are all within the Grand Canyon National Park. By looking to the east, you will also view the vast expanse of the Navajo Nation.

Fee: None

Access: From the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center go east on US 89A, a paved road, for about 20 miles to Forest Development Road (FDR) 8910 (House Rock Wildlife Area); turn right and go 23.5 miles to where FDR 8910 forks and take the right fork; go another 7 miles to the trailhead. FDR 8910 is suitable for passenger cars.

Water and Facilities: None. Bring everything that you will need.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 101 miles

Length of Trail One-Way: 1/2 mile

Elevation: 6560 feet

USGS Map: Point Imperial (trail not shown on map)

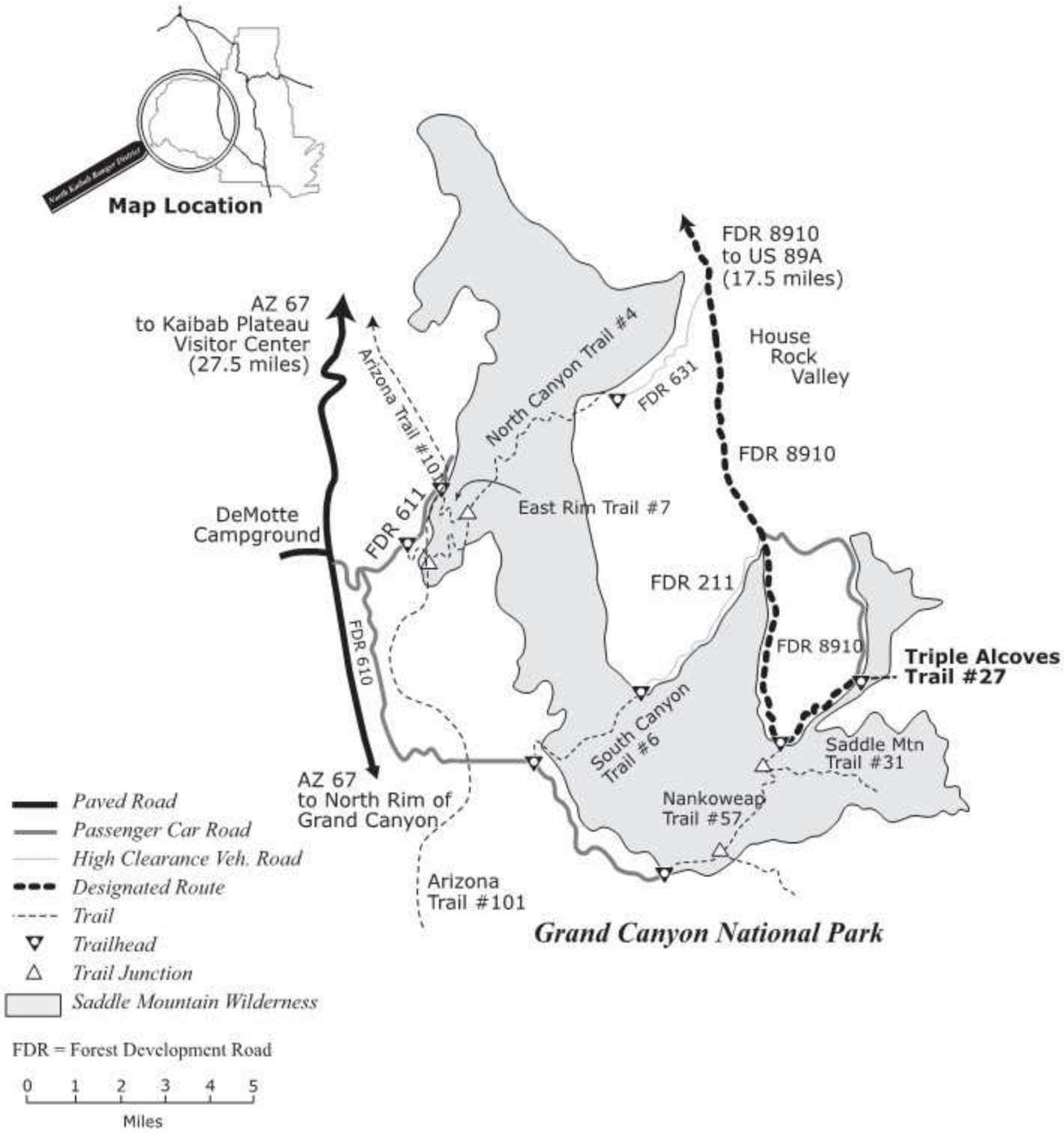
Recommended Season: Late spring, summer, fall and early winter

Use Restrictions: No motorized or mechanized vehicles or equipment may be operated in Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Difficulty: Easy

Use: Light

Triple Alcoves Trail #27



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SCENIC VIEWPOINTS

BUCK FARM VIEWPOINT

Attractions: This scenic drive takes you off the east rim into House Rock Valley. As the Kaibab Plateau spreads out to the west, rolling pinyon and juniper woodlands cross the buffalo range. The overlook offers a spectacular view of Marble Canyon and the Colorado River, with the Vermilion Cliffs to the north and Navajo Mountain to the east.

Fee: None.

Access: From Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center go east on US 89A for about 20 miles to Forest Development Road (FDR) 8910. Turn right and go about 23.5 miles to the fork in FDR 8910. Take the left fork and go another 2 miles to FDR 445H. Follow FDR 445H for about 3 miles to the end of the road. A short hike of 100 yards or so will allow you to look directly into Marble Canyon. FDR 8910 is suitable for passenger cars. While on FDR 445H, a high clearance vehicle is recommended.

Water & Facilities: None. Bring everything that you will need.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 97 miles.

Elevation: 5500 feet.

Recommended Season of Use: From late spring to early fall, depending on weather. Be prepared for summer thunderstorms.

CRAZY JUG VIEWPOINT

Attractions: A beautiful drive leads through a Ponderosa pine forest to this view of the Grand Canyon looking into Tapeats Amphitheater. The spectacular canyonlands panorama includes: Fishtail Mesa to the west, Steamboat Mountain, and Powell Plateau to the south.

Fee: None.

Access: Turn right on Forest Development Road (FDR) 461 1/4 mile south of Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center on AZ 67. Go 5.5 miles on FDR 461 to FDR 462; go right on FDR 462 for 3 miles to the intersection of FDR 22. Turn left for about 12 miles to FDR 425; turn right onto FDR 425 and follow this road for 10 miles to FDR 292; turn right onto FDR 292 for 1.5 miles, then turn left onto FDR 292B to the end of the road at Crazy Jug Viewpoint. All roads are suitable for passenger cars.

Water and Facilities: None. Bring everything that you will need.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 64 miles.

Elevation: 7450 feet.

Recommended Season of Use: From late spring to early fall, depending on weather. Be prepared for summer thunderstorms.

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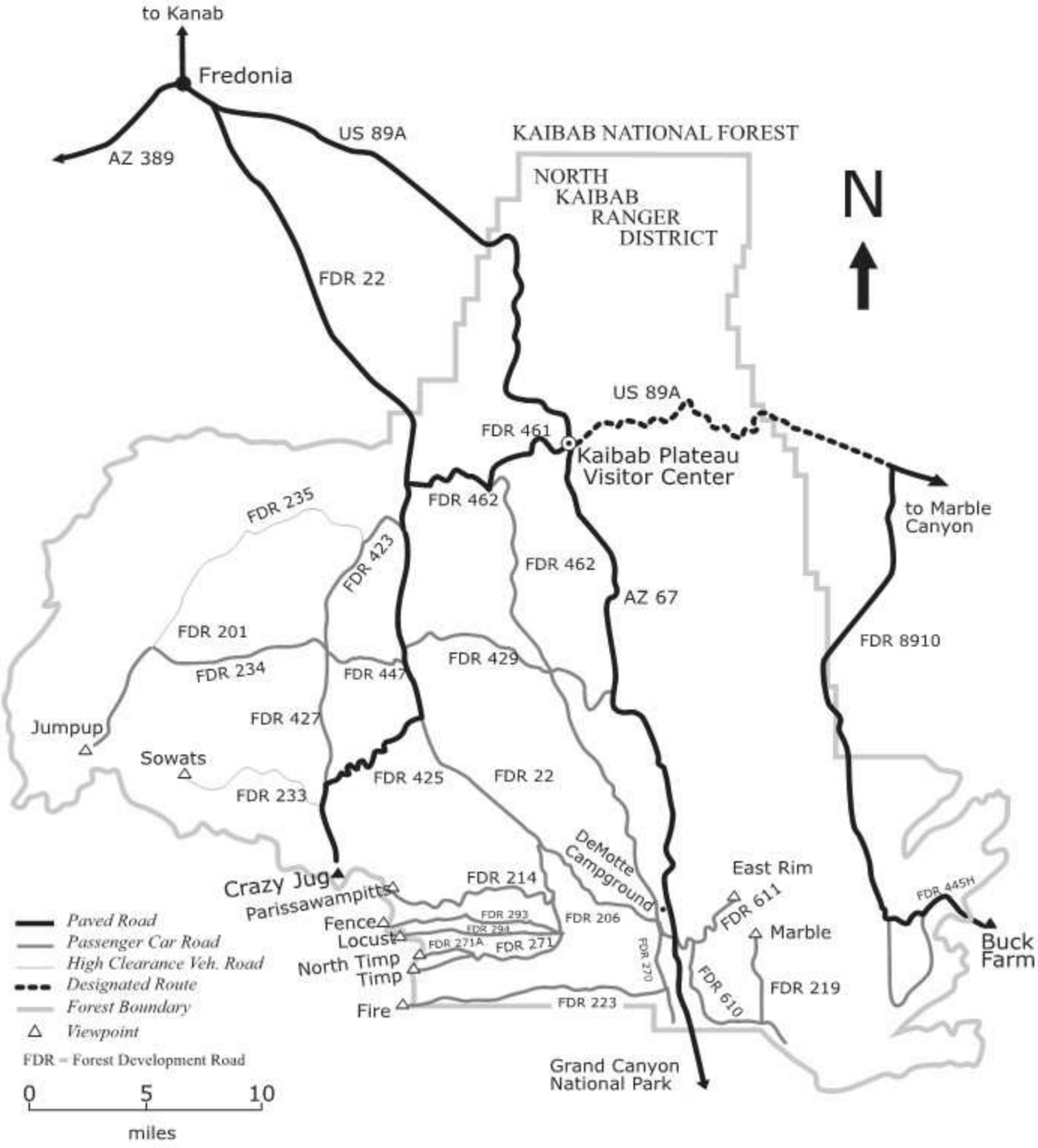
Scenic Viewpoints
Buck Farm and Crazy Jug



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SCENIC VIEWPOINTS

EAST RIM VIEWPOINT

Attractions: A scenic drive through mixed conifer forests interspersed with meadows changing to Ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper at the Viewpoints takes you to a panorama of House Rock Valley, Echo Cliffs, Vermilion Cliffs, and Marble Canyon. The East Rim Viewpoint overlooks North Canyon and the Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Fee: None.

Access: From Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center go south on AZ 67 for 27.5 miles (0.7 mile beyond DeMotte Park Campground entrance) to Forest Development Road (FDR) 611. Turn left onto FDR 611 and go 4.5 miles to the turnaround at East Rim Viewpoint. AZ 67 is paved and FDR 611 is suitable for passenger cars.

Water & Facilities: Pit toilets at East Rim Viewpoint. No tables or water available.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 62 miles.

Elevation: 8800 feet.

Recommended Season of Use: From late spring to early fall, depending on weather. Be prepared for summer thunderstorms.

FENCE VIEWPOINT

Attractions: Wide views of the Grand Canyon and West to Mt. Trumbull on the far horizon are the highlights of this viewpoint. Seldom visited Fence Viewpoint offers the visitor quiet and solitude.

Fee: None.

Access: Go south from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center on AZ 67 for 27.5 miles (0.7 mile beyond DeMotte Campground entrance) to Forest Development Road (FDR) 22; turn right on FDR 22 for about 10.5 miles to FDR 206. Follow FDR 206 for 11 miles to FDR 271; turn right in about 100 feet onto FDR 294, in about 1/4 of a mile turn right onto FDR 293 and follow this road for 8 miles to the viewpoint. All roads are suitable for passenger cars.

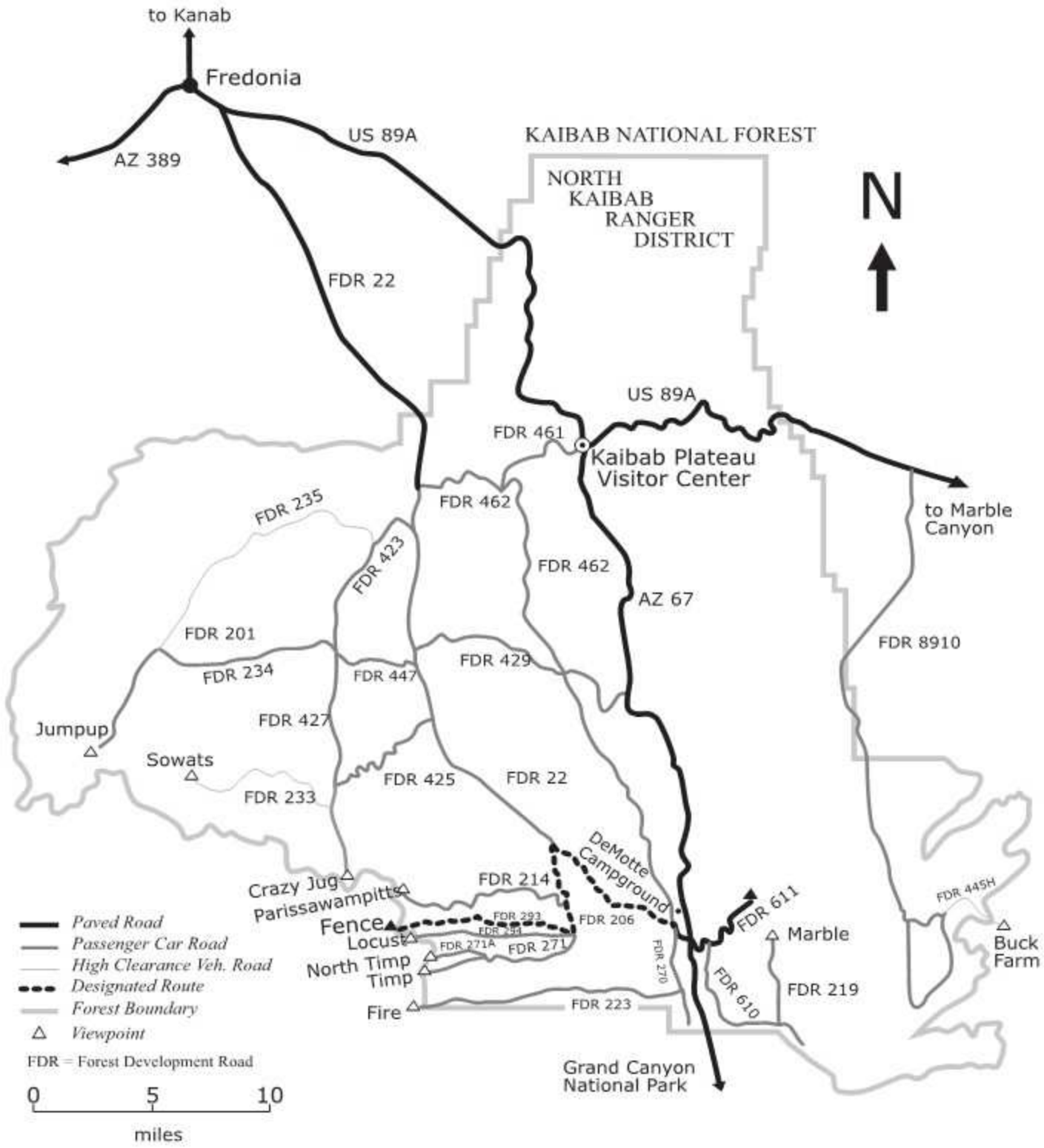
Water & Facilities: None. Bring everything that you will need.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 114 miles.

Elevation: 7600 feet.

Recommended Season of Use: From late spring to early fall.

Scenic Viewpoints
East Rim and Fence



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CAMPGROUNDS & PICNIC AREAS

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INTRODUCTION

The main camping season in the district is from the Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends, but most campgrounds remain open well after the busy season. In all, more than 150,000 visitors stay at the four developed campgrounds of the forest each year. Cataract Lake, Dogtown Lake, Kaibab Lake, and White Horse Lake campgrounds are operated under Forest Service Permit by the Southwest Natural and Cultural Heritage Association.

Camping on the Kaibab-National Forest is limited to 14 days in any 30-day period. Developed campsites are available–for a fee–on a first-come, first-served basis; group sites, however, must be reserved in advance. The number to call for reservations can be obtained from the Visitor Center. Each campground has water faucets and toilets and each site has a picnic table and fire ring with grill. No electrical, sewage or water hookups are available at any of the campgrounds. A fee dump station is available at Kaibab Lake, Dogtown and Whitehorse Lake campgrounds. Campfires are restricted to existing fire rings or fire grates. At times of extreme fire danger, all fires may be prohibited. Firewood is available for sale at any of the campgrounds, and dead and fallen wood may be gathered for fires. The law requires that you NEVER leave a fire burning and unattended. Picnicking is permitted anywhere in the South Kaibab, including the developed campgrounds, but campers have first right to a site there. A fee may charged for picnicking within developed campgrounds.

There are many undeveloped campsites and picnic spots in the forest. Visitors are welcome to use any of them, but remember that camping is not permitted within 1/4 mile of water, except in developed campgrounds. This protects our wildlife. Surface water in its natural condition may be unsafe to drink and should always be properly treated. Please do not leave trash behind–others also have the right to unspoiled camping or picnic spots.

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CAMPGROUNDS & PICNIC AREAS

CATARACT LAKE CAMPGROUND

Attractions:
Camping and picnicking.
Fishing and/or boating.
Wildlife viewing.

Location:

About 1 mile (1.6 km) northwest of Williams on Cataract Lake Road. This campground is conveniently located near town, but is in a more developed area than other forest campgrounds. The interstate and railroad are nearby. The setting includes ponderosa pine trees, lake, and a view to Bill Williams Mountain.

Season of Use:

May 15 to October 1.

Access/Road Conditions:

Access #1: From Williams, turn north onto 7th Street. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn west at the first road and go about 1 mile to the campground entrance on your right. These paved roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

Access #2: From I-40 take exit 161; turn right onto Golf Course Drive if coming from the east, or left if coming from the west. After passing under the railroad tracks, turn right immediately and go about 1 mile to the campground entrance on your left. The road is paved. This route is not suitable for large RVs.

Elevation:

6800 feet (2070 meters)

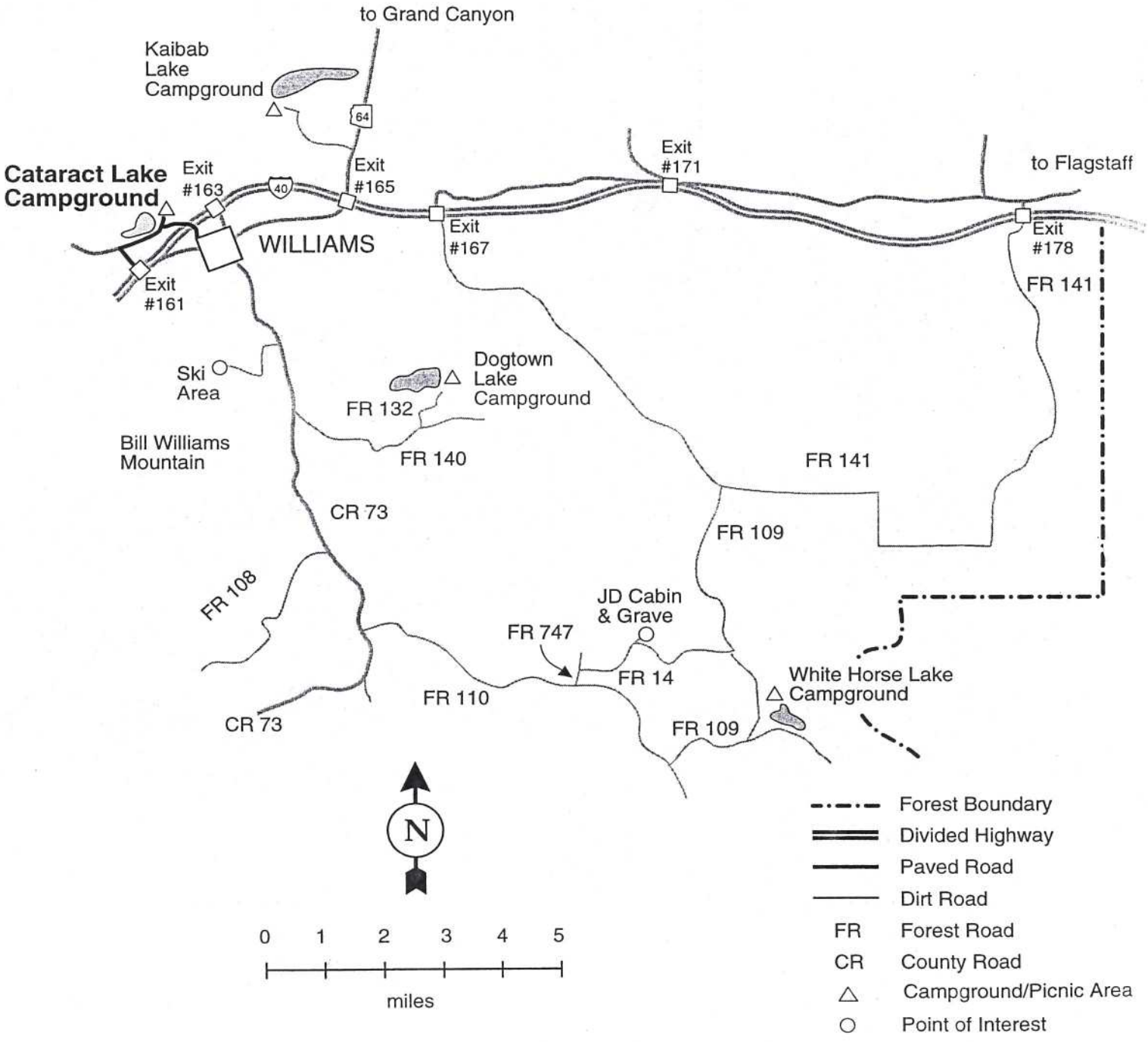
Fee:

Fee per vehicle/night. Tents, trailers and small motorhomes allowed; no utility hookups. Sites available on a first come first serve basis only.

Facilities:
18 single unit sites with tables and fire rings and grills.
Vault toilet and garbage bins.
Concrete boat ramp.
Drinking water available, bring your own container.
Campground hosts available to assist you.

Restrictions:
Campground and boat ramps closed in winter months. Access to lake requires a short walk during this period.
No boat motors larger than 8 horsepower allowed.
No dump station provided; no waste water drained onto ground.
No swimming.
Pets must always be restrained or on leash.
Arizona fishing license required for everyone over 14.
Motorbikes and ATVs may be used only for entering or leaving campground.
14-day stay limit.

Cataract Lake Campground



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DOGTOWN LAKE CAMPGROUND

Attractions:
Camping, picnicking and hiking.
Wildlife viewing.
Fishing and/or boating.

Location:

About 8 miles (13 km) southeast of Williams off County Road 73. This campground is surrounded by ponderosa pine forest and features a spectacular view of Bill Williams Mountain.

Season of Use:

May 15 to October 31, or as weather and road conditions permit.

Access/Road Conditions:

In Williams, turn south on 4th St. (County Road 73) and go about 4 mi. to FR 140. Turn left onto FR 140 for about 3 mi. to FR 132, then turn left onto FR 132 and follow to the campground (about 1 mi.). These paved roads are suitable for passenger vehicles, but are closed during winter months because of snow cover. FR 140 is a high use road and can become rough during peak season.

Elevation:

7,000 feet (2130 meters)

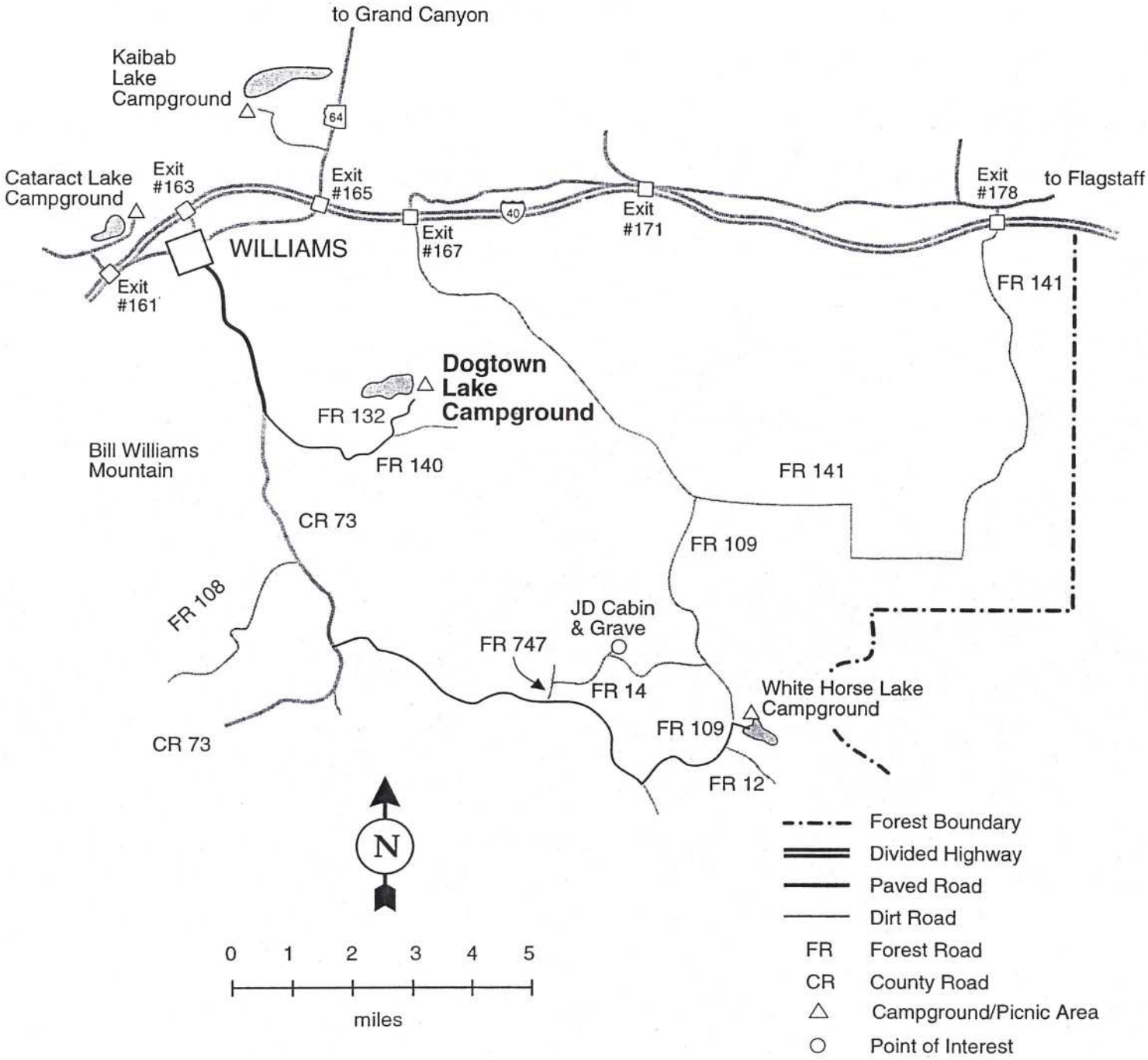
Fee:

Fee per vehicle per night. Tents, trailers and small motorhomes allowed; no utility hookups. Sites available on a first come-first served basis.

Facilities:
51 single unit sites with tables and fire rings and grills.
Vault toilets, garbage bins and water faucets throughout the area. (Water available May 15 through October 1 only.)
Amphitheater and interpretive programs.
Group area with several campsites, water, toilet and ramada (available by reservation).
Campground hosts available to assist you May 15 through October 1.
Nature trail
Dump station
Picnic area with tables, grills and a ramada.

Restrictions:
No swimming.
Pets must always be restrained or on a leash.
Motorbikes and ATVs may be used only to enter and leave the area.
Arizona fishing license required for anyone over 14.
Only electric boat motors (1 HP or less) allowed.
No waste water drained onto ground.
14-day stay limit.

Dogtown Lake Campground



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PICNIC AREA

GARLAND PRAIRIE VISTA PICNIC AREA

Attractions:
Scenic view of Garland Prairie and the San Francisco Peaks.
Picnicking.
Easy access from Interstate 40.
Located along historic Route 66

Location:
About 11 miles (17.5 km) east of Williams on historic Route 66.

Season of Use:
Year-round.

Access/Road Conditions:
From Williams, take I-40 east about 8 miles to the Pitman Valley exit 171; turn left and cross over the freeway to Old US 66; turn right (east) onto Old US 66 and continue for 3 miles to the Vista. The roads are paved, and the parking lot is cindered.

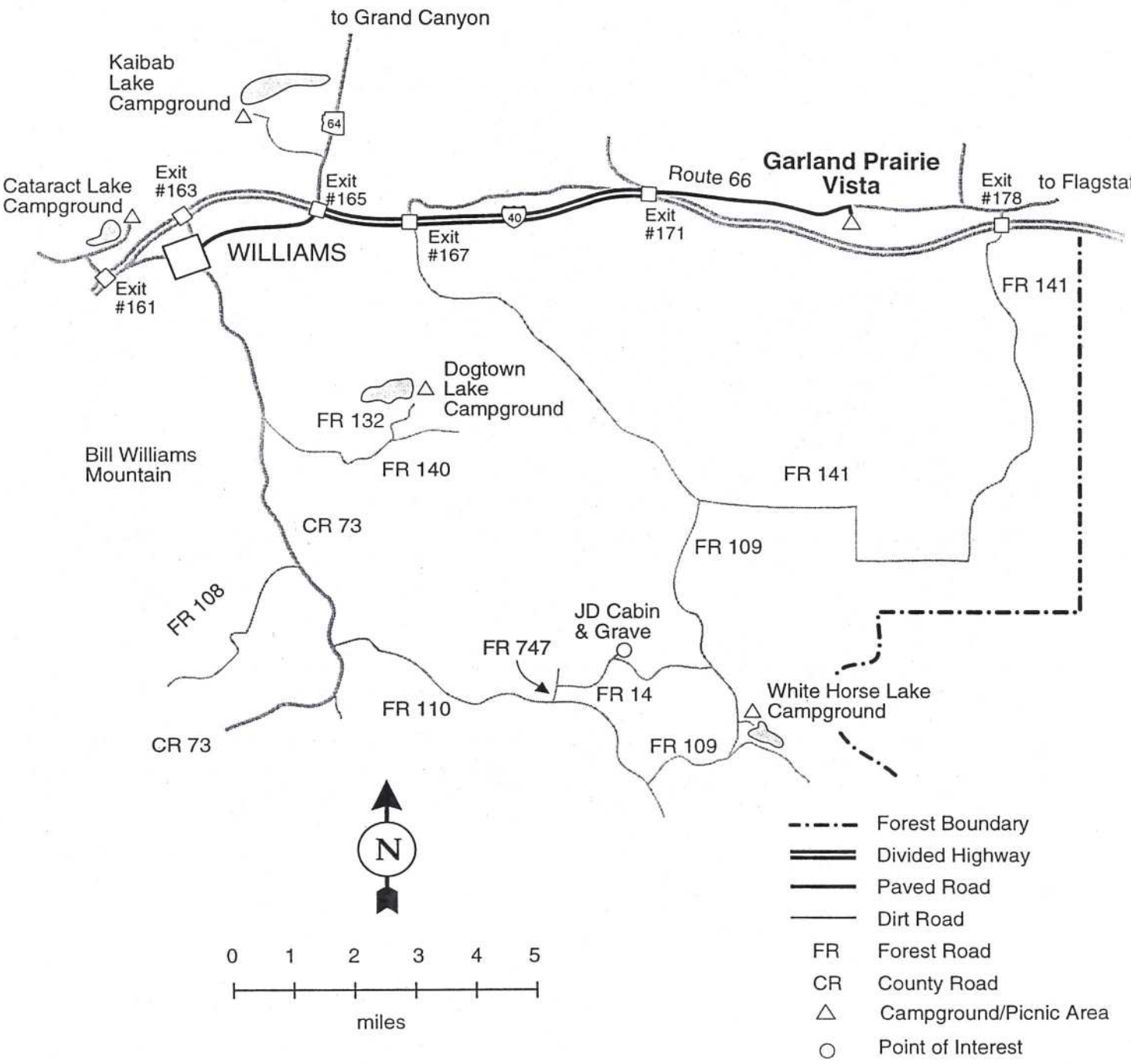
Elevation:
7100 feet (2160 meters)

Fee:
None.

Facilities:
2 picnic tables with fire rings and grills.
Vault toilet.
Parking.

Restrictions:
No water.
No camping, day use only.

Garland Prairie Vista Picnic Area



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KAIBAB LAKE CAMPGROUND

Attractions:
Camping and picnicking.
Hiking.
Wildlife viewing.
Fishing and/or boating.

Location:
About 4 miles (6.5 km) northeast of downtown Williams off AZ 64. This campground combines ease of access with a natural forested setting in ponderosa pines. It features a view of the San Francisco Peaks from the lake.

Season of Use:
May 15 to October 31, or as weather permits.

Access/Road Conditions:
From Williams, take I-40 east 2 miles to Exit 165; turn north onto AZ 64 and go about 1 mile to the campground entrance on your left. Paved roads are suitable for passenger vehicles, but in winter may be closed at times because of snow.

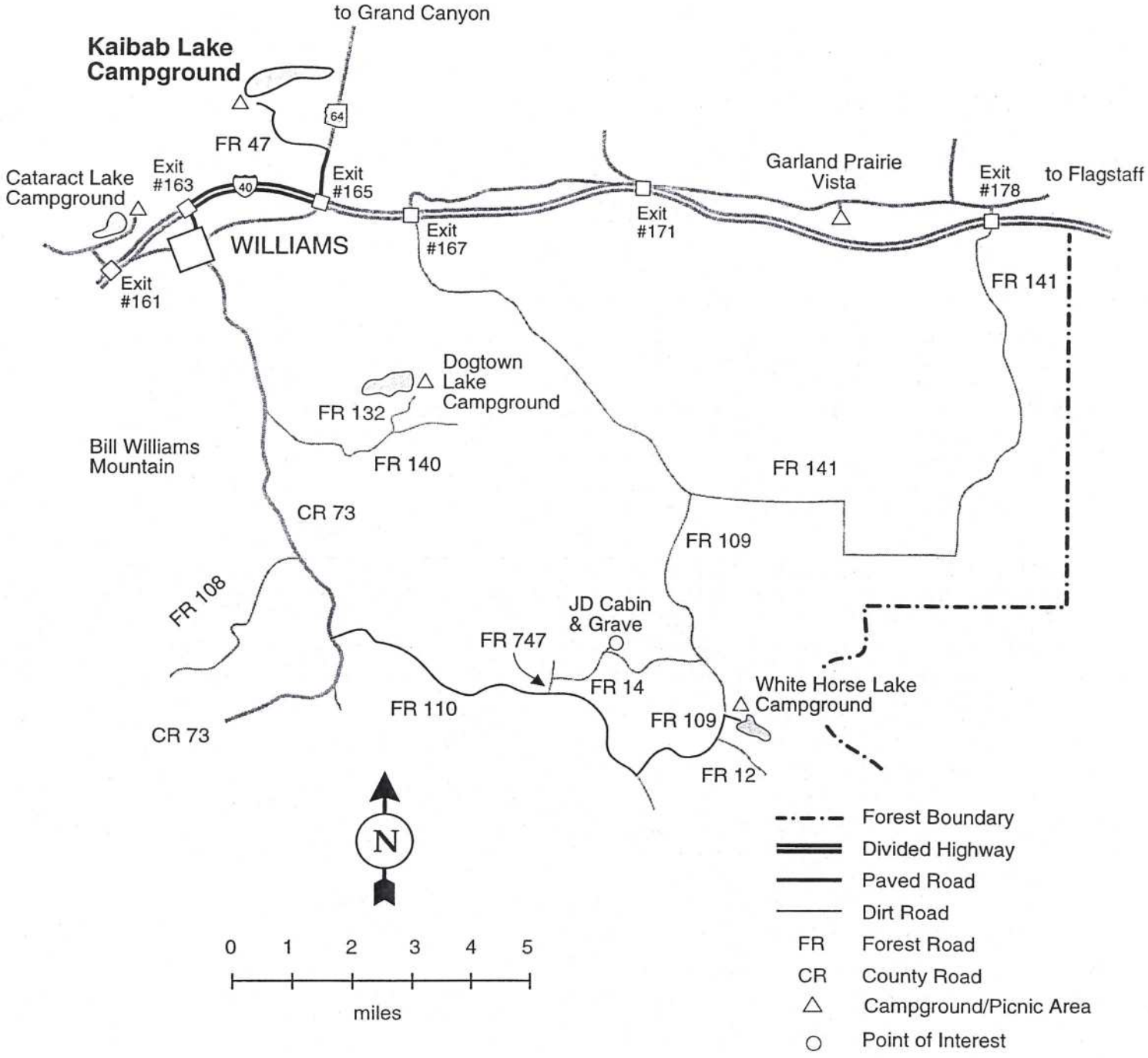
Elevation:
6800 feet (2070 meters)

Fee:
Fee per night/vehicle. Tents, trailers and small motorhomes allowed; no utility hookups. Sites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Facilities:
72 single unit sites with tables and fire rings.
2 campsites accessible for handicapped.
Group areas with several campsites, water, toilet and covered Ramada (available by reservation).
Amphitheater and evening interpretive programs.
Vault toilets, garbage bins and water faucets scattered throughout the area. (Water available May 15 through October 1 only.)
Campground hosts available to assist you May 15 through October 1.
Fee dump station available.
Wheelchair accessible fishing pier and restroom.

Restrictions:
No swimming.
Pets must always be restrained or on a leash.
Motorbikes and ATVs may be used only to enter and leave the area.
Arizona fishing license required for anyone over 14.
No boat motors larger than 8 horsepower allowed.
No waste water drained onto ground.
14-day stay limit.

Kaibab Lake Campground



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CAMPGROUNDS & PICNIC AREAS

WHITE HORSE LAKE CAMPGROUND

Attractions:
Camping, picnicking, and hiking.
Wildlife viewing.
Fishing and/or boating.

Location:

About 19 miles (30.5 km) southeast of Williams. This is the district's most remote campground. The facilities were reconstructed in 1996. The ponderosa pine forest setting features the lake and nearby Sycamore Canyon vistas.

Season of Use:

May 15 to October 31, or as weather permits.

Access/Road Conditions:

From Williams, turn south on 4th St. (CR 73) and go 9 miles to FR 110; turn left onto FR 110; go about 7 mi. and turn left onto FR 109; follow to campground entrance (about 3 mi.). Paved and gravelled roads are suitable for passenger vehicles. During winter roads may be closed due to snow cover.

Elevation:

6600 feet (2010 meters)

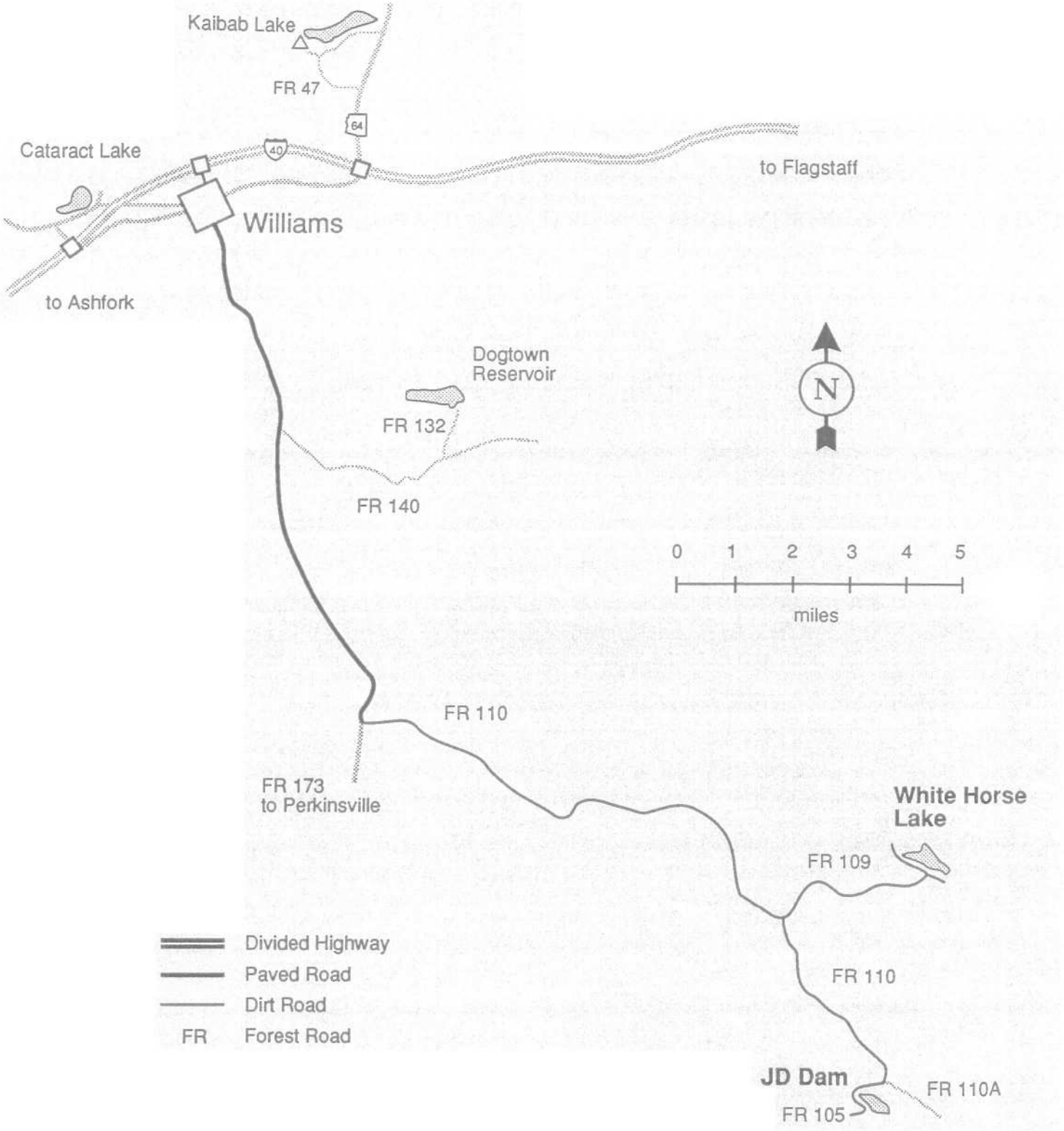
Fee:

Fee per night/vehicle. Tents, trailers and small motorhomes allowed; no utility hookups. Sites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Facilities:
83 single and 11 double unit sites with tables and fire rings.
Campsites accessible for handicapped.
Composting toilets, garbage bins, water faucets throughout the area. (Water available May 15 through October 1 only.)
Campground hosts available to assist you, May 15 through October 1.
Fee dump station available.
Concrete boat ramp.

Restrictions:
No swimming.
Pets must always be restrained or on a leash.
Motorbikes and ATVs may be used only to enter and leave the area.
Arizona fishing license required for anyone over 14.
Only electric boat motors (1 HP or less) allowed.
No waste water drained onto ground.
14-day stay limit.

White Horse Lake & J.D. Dam



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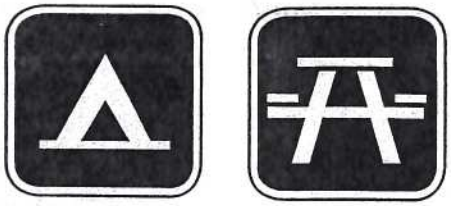

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COMMERCIAL CAMPGROUNDS

There are several commercial camping facilities near the Williams Ranger District. They offer amenities not available at Forest service campgrounds, such as showers and hook-ups.

Railside RV Ranch:

Located in Williams at 877 Rodeo Road. 96 sites (31 back-ins and 65 pull-throughs), full hook-ups and cable TV. General store, laundry, guest lounge, playground, restrooms with showers, and dump station. For information or reservations, call (520) 635-4077.

Circle Pines KOA:

Located three miles east of Williams at exit 167 off I-40. 126 sites in the pines (80 full hook-ups, all pull-throughs), tent sites, six camping cabins, heated pool and spas, restrooms with showers, cafe, horseback riding. For information and reservations call (520) 635-2626.

Grand Canyon KOA:

Located seven miles north of Williams off of AZ 64. Tent sites, RV hook-ups, and cabins; indoor heated pool and spa, groceries, restrooms with showers, groceries, dump station. For information and reservations call (520) 635-2307.

Red Lake Campground:

Located 10 miles north of Williams off of AZ 64. RV sites with hook-ups, tent camping, hostel lodging, groceries. For information and reservations call (520) 635-4753.

Ponderosa Forest RV Park and Campground:

Located 13 miles east of Williams in Parks (exit 178 off of I-40). A quiet, full service park with full RV hook-ups and tent camping. Restrooms with showers, laundry facilities. For information and reservations, call (520) 635-0456.

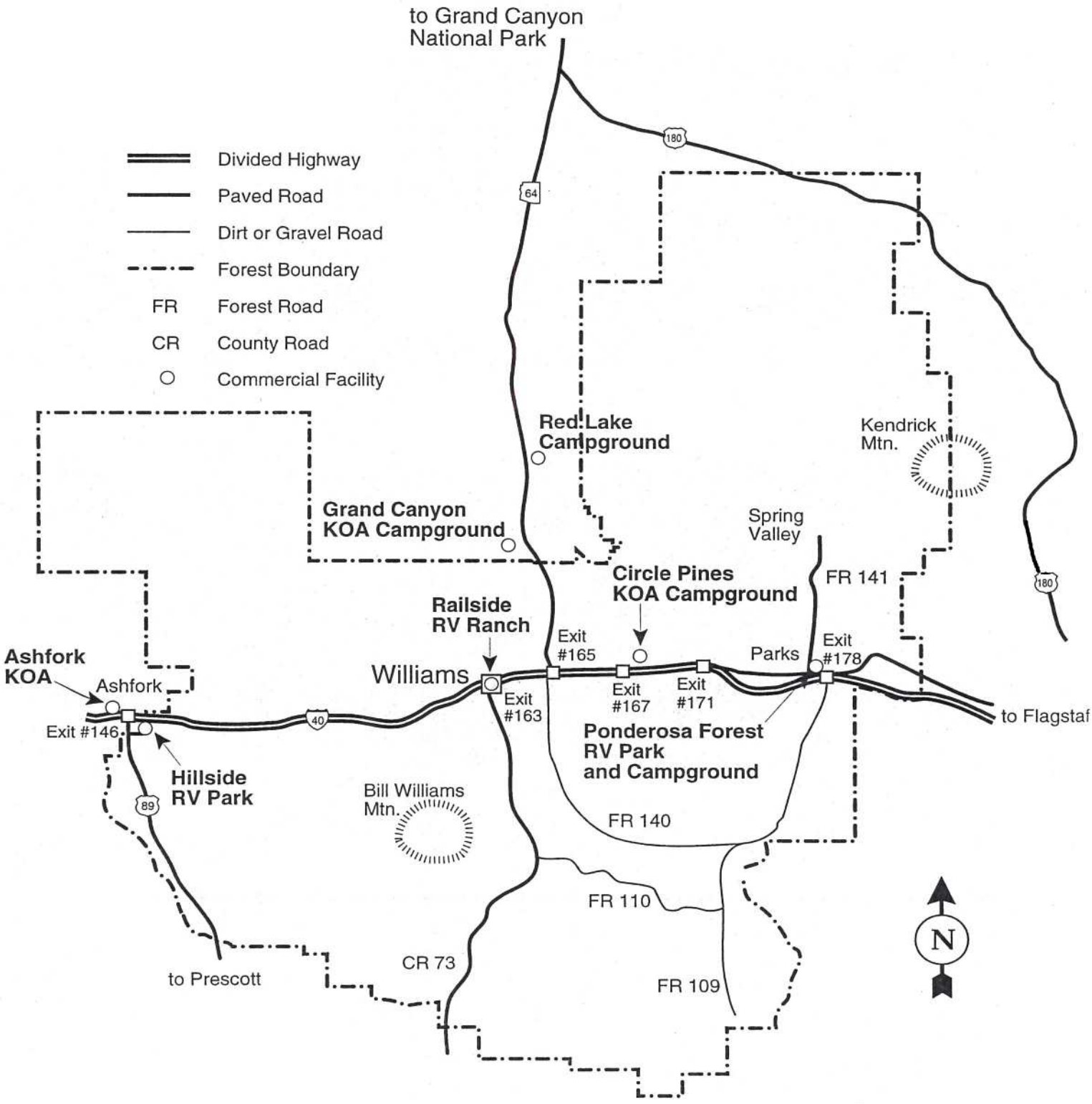
Ash Fork KOA:

Located 19 miles west of Williams in Ash Fork. 55 RV sites with full hook-ups and 12 tent sites. Restrooms with showers, swimming pool. For information and reservations call (520) 637-2521.

Hillside RV Park:

Located 19 miles west of Williams in Ash Fork. 20 sites, 10 with full hook-ups, restrooms and showers. For information and reservations call (520) 637-2300.

Commercial Campgrounds



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COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

INTRODUCTION

In addition to the many establishments in and near the City of Williams, the following commercial facilities are available to the Forest visitor under permit from the Williams Ranger District. Inquiries and reservations should be made directly with the establishment.

The Williams/Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce operates the local visitor center in partnership with the Kaibab National Forest. Information on visitor services in Williams and on the Grand Canyon area can be obtained at 200 W. Railroad Avenue, or visiting their website at http://www.thegrandcanyon.com.

BILL WILLIAMS SKI AREA

Bill Williams Mountain has a small commercial downhill skiing facility that accommodates 250 skiers at one time. It has 35 acres of ski slopes, primarily for the beginner and intermediate skier. There is a Poma lift with 600 feet of vertical rise, and a rope tow. The area is located about 5 miles south of Williams off CR 73. Call or write for more information: (520) 635-9330; P.O. Box 953, Williams, AZ 86046.

GRAND CANYON RAILWAY

Steam locomotive transportation to the Grand Canyon originally commenced on September 17, 1901. Exactly eighty-eight years later, the Grand Canyon Railwya resumed service along its historic route in September 1989. The sixty-four mile trip features restored, turn-of-the-century steam or diesel powered trains. Along with the refurbishing of vintage locomotives, Pullman passenger cars, a club car, track, and support structures, two historic depots have been renovated for passenger service. Call 1-800-THE-TRAIN for schedules and reservations.

ELEPHANT ROCKS AT WILLIAMS GOLF COURSE

Named for the unusually shaped boulders at its entrance, this golf course is in one of the prettiest settings in the state. It's a nine hole par 35 course that features a historic clubhouse. A driving range, club rentals and golf carts are available. For more information, call or write: (520) 635-4936; 220 Golf Course Drive, Williams, AZ 86046.

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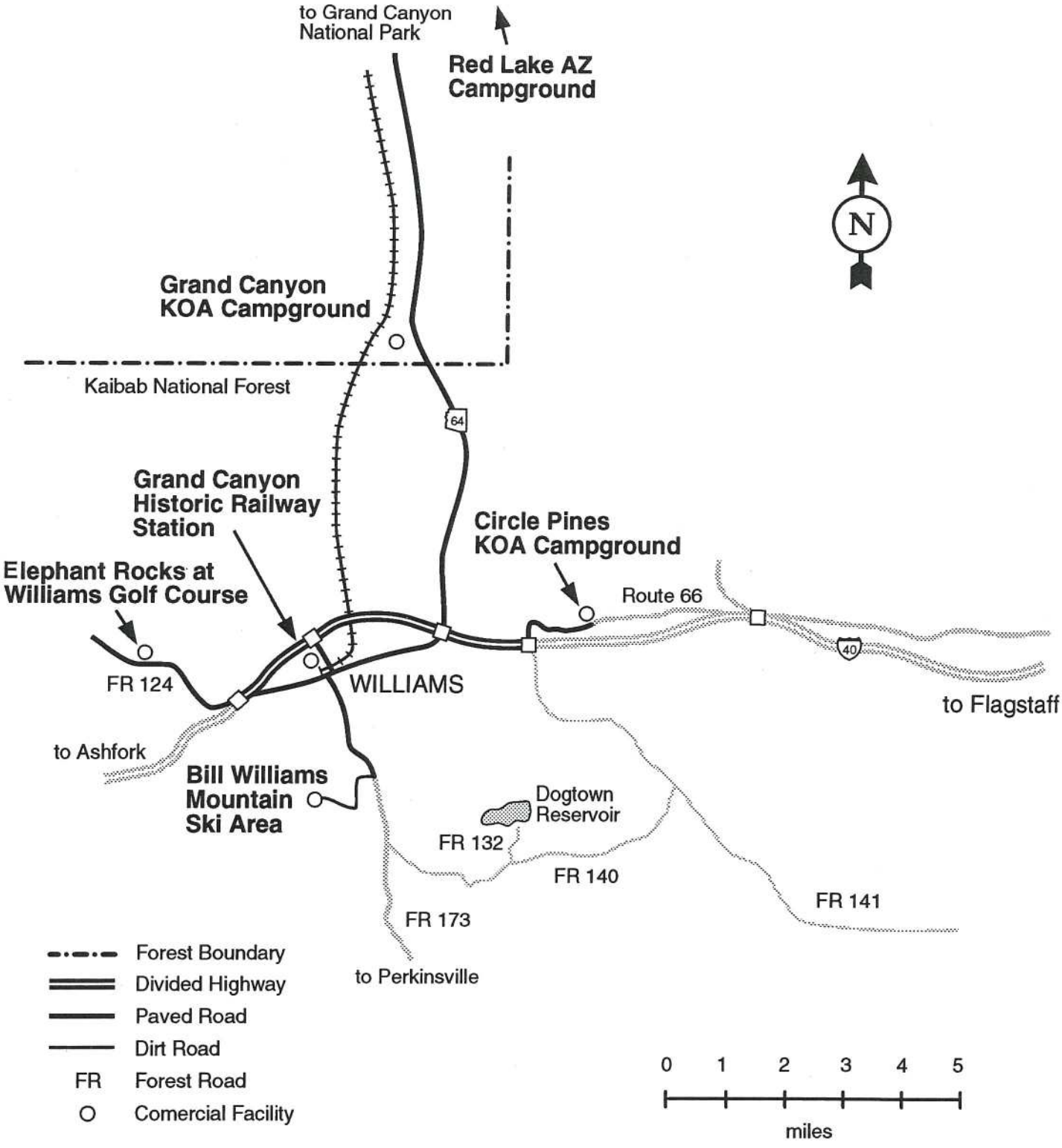

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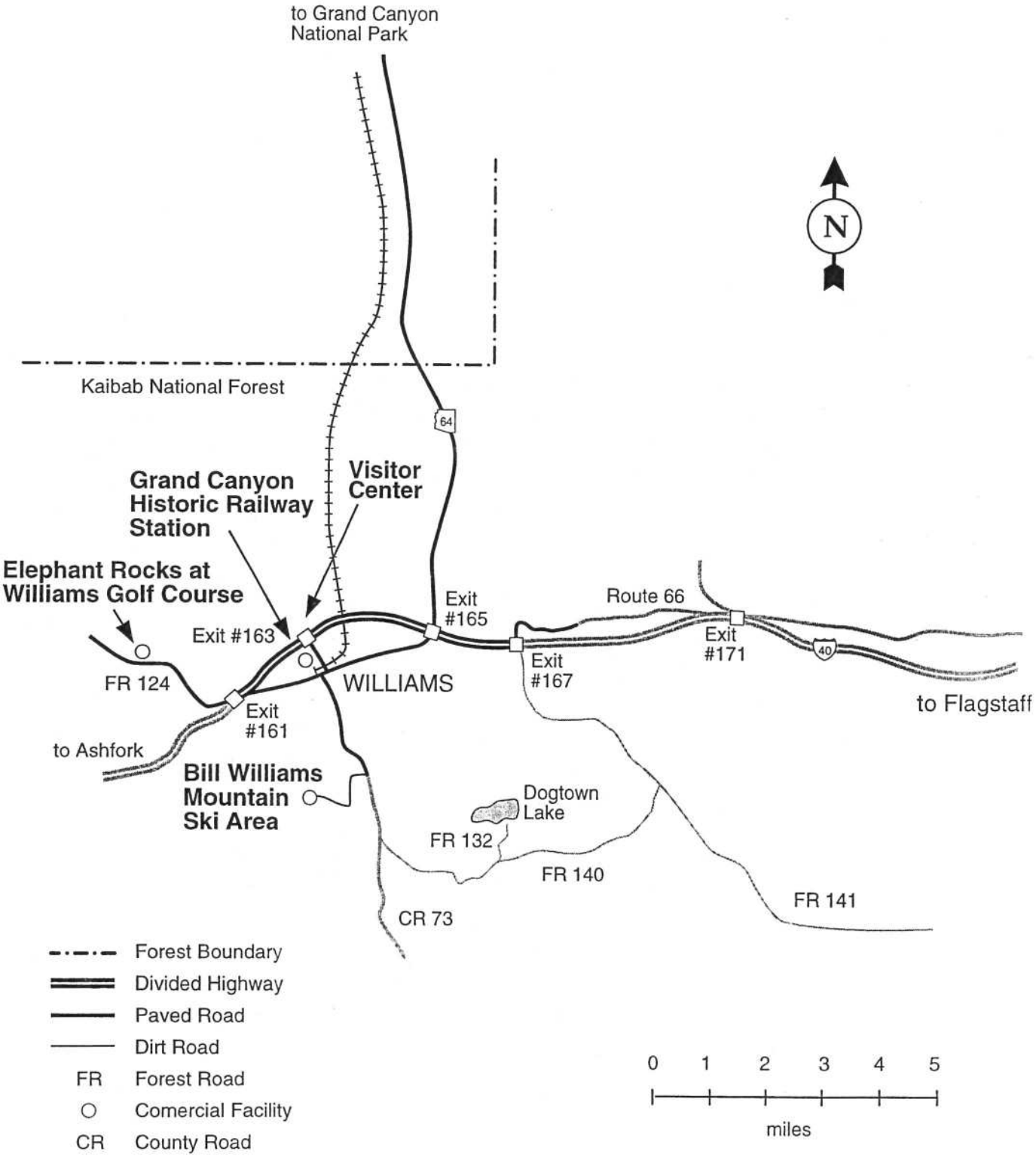

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GENERAL INFORMATION

All streams located on the Williams Ranger District are intermittent (i.e., flow only part of the year) and are not suitable for sport fishing. Fishing here occurs at lakes, many of which have developed campgrounds nearby. Some people do fish at a few of the larger tanks, including J. D. Dam, Perkins, Hells Canyon and Bar Cross Tanks. With the exception of J. D. Dam, all these are warm water fisheries.

Due to the scarcity of navigable waters, only a limited amount of boating is done on the forest. Boating is limited primarily to Dogtown Lake, White Horse Lake, Cataract Lake, and Kaibab Lake. Of these reservoirs, all but White Horse Lake are part of the domestic water supply for the City of Williams. No swimming is allowed in any of these lakes and power boats are restricted. On J. D. Dam, Dogtown Lake, and White Horse Lake only single electric motors of one horsepower or less are permitted. Single electric motors or single gasoline engines with 8 horsepower or less are permitted on Cataract and Kaibab Lakes.

Most boating on these lakes is done in conjunction with fishing activities. Lake surface areas vary from about 40 to 70 acres. They can accommodate small fishing boats, canoes, kayaks, and small (one- or two-person) sailboats or rafts.

Parking is available near the lakes for boating and fishing. If you choose to use a campsite be advised that a day-use fee may be charged. A fee is charged for overnight camping in campgrounds.

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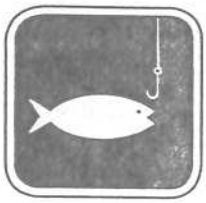

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CATARACT LAKE

Location: About 1 mile west of Williams. **Elevation:** 6825 feet

Season of Use: May - October, or as weather permits.

Access/Road Conditions: From I-40, take exit 161; turn right onto Golf Course Drive if coming from the east or left if coming from the west. After passing under the railroad tracks, turn right immediately and go about 1 mile to the campground entrance on your left. The road is paved and open year-round. A short walk to the lake is required in the winter when the campground is closed. The boat ramp area is closed in winter.

From Railroad Ave. in Williams, turn north (right) on 7th St. to Cataract Road. Turn left and follow Cataract Road west about 1 mile, go under the I-40 underpass to the campground entrance on your right. Not accessible for large RVs.

Facilities: There are 18 campsites with picnic tables and fire rings (fee for camping). Pit toilets are provided, and drinking water is available but limited. There is a concrete boat-launch ramp. Power boats can have only single electric motors or single gasoline engines of 8 HP or less.

KAIBAB LAKE

Location: About 4 miles east and north of Williams. **Elevation**: 6795 feet

Season of Use: May - October, or as weather permits road access. Fishing year-round.

Access/Road Conditions: Two miles east of Williams on I-40, take exit 165. Go north 1 mile on AZ 64 to the campground entrance on the west side of the highway. These are paved roads, but are sometimes closed by snow in winter.

Facilities: There are 70 campsites with fire rings and picnic tables (fee for camping). Vault toilets and water faucets are scattered throughout the campground. There is a paved boat-launch area. Water is not available during winter months. Power boats are limited to single electric motors or single gasoline engines of 8 HP or less. A wheelchair accessible composting toilet, open only during summer season, is adjacent to the boat ramp. A wheelchair accessible fishing pier is nearby.

DOGTOWN LAKE

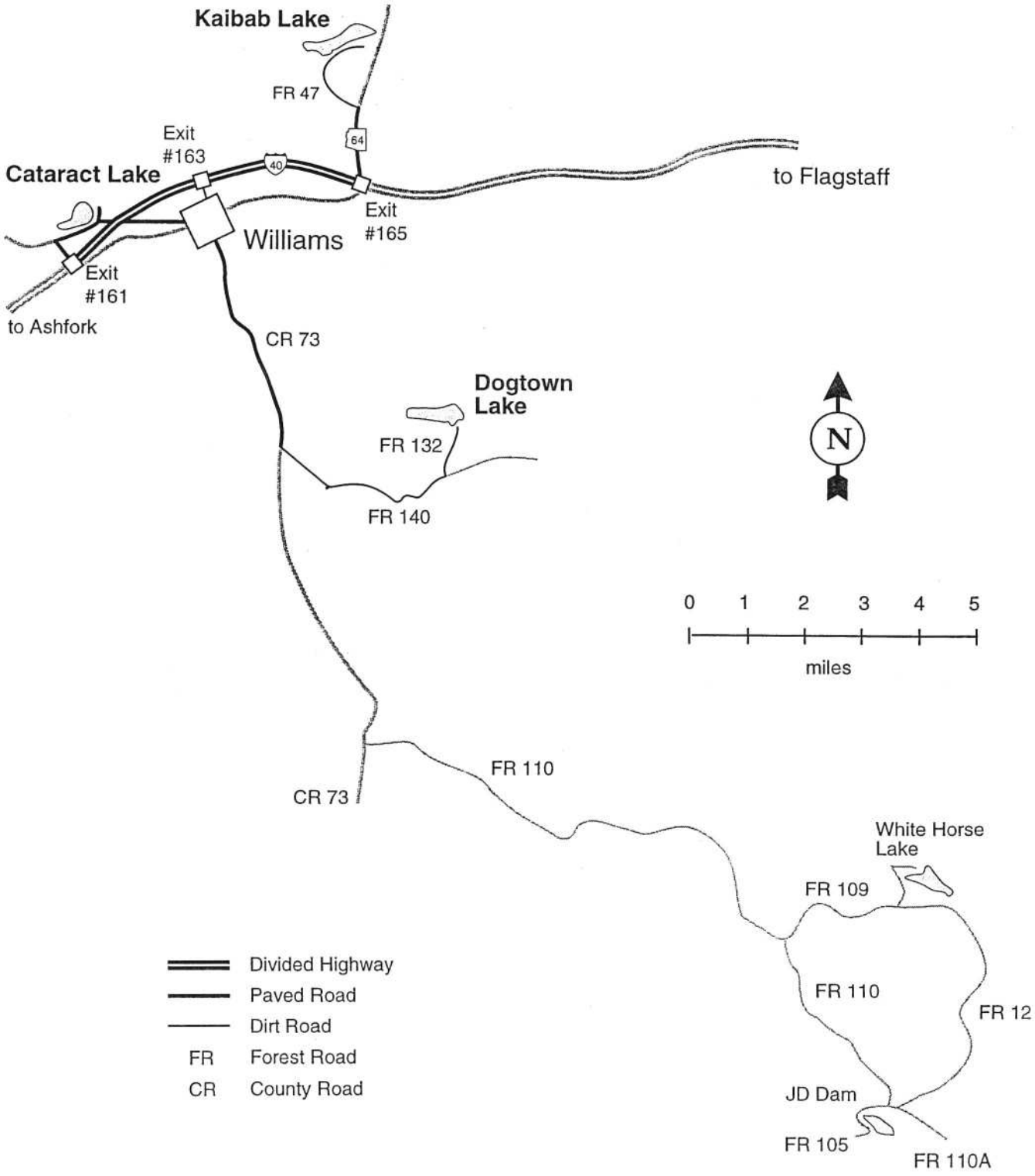
Location: About 6.5 miles south and east of Williams. **Elevation**: 7050 feet

Season of Use: May - October, or as weather permits road access.

Access/Road Conditions: From Williams, turn south on Fourth Street (CR 73) for 4 miles to Forest Road 140. Turn left on FR 140 and continue for 3 miles to FR 132; turn left onto FR 132 and follow to Dogtown Lake. The roads are paved and gravelled for passenger vehicle use; however, they are usually closed by snow during winter months. FR 140 is a high-use road and can become rough during peak season.

Facilities: There are 51 campsites with picnic tables and fire rings and one group site (fee for camping). There is a concrete boat launch ramp. Vault toilets and water faucets are scattered throughout the campground. Power boats are limited to single electric motors of one horsepower or less.

Cataract Lake, Kaibab Lake & Dogtown Lake



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CATARACT LAKE

Location: About 1 mile west of Williams. **Elevation:** 6825 feet

Season of Use: May 15 – October 31 or as weather permits

Access: From I-40 take exit 161; turn right onto Country Club Drive if coming from the east or left if coming from the west. After passing under the railroad tracks, turn right immediately and go about 1 mile to the campground entrance on your left. The road is paved.

Facilities: There are 18 campsites with picnic tables and fire-rings. Pit toilets are provided and drinking water is availablebut limited. There is a cement boat-launch ramp. Power boats can have only single electric motors or single gasoline engines of 8 HP or less.

KAIBAB LAKE

Location: About 4 miles east and north of Williams. **Elevation:** 6795 feet

Season of Use: May 15 - October 31 or as weather permits.

Access: Two miles east of Williams on I-40, take exit 165. Go north 2 miles on AZ 64 to the campground entrance on the west side of the highway. These are paved roads, but are closed by snow in winter.

Facilities: There are 70 campsites with fire-rings and picnic tables. Pit toilets and water faucets are scattered throughout the campground. There is a cinder boat-launch area. Water is not available during winter months. Power boats are limited to single electric motors or single gasoline engines of 8 HP or less.

DOGTOWN RESERVOIR

Location: About 6.5 miles south and east of Williams. **Elevation:** 7050 feet

Season of Use: May 15 – October 31 or as weather permits

Access: From Williams turn south on Fourth Street (FR 173) for 3.5 miles to Forest Road 140. Turn left on FR 140 and continue for 3 miles to Dogtown Reservoir. The roads are paved and gravelled for all-weather use; however, they are usually closed by snow during winter months.

Facilities: There are 60 campsites with picnic tables and fire-rings and one group site. There is a small boat-launch ramp. Pit toilets and water faucets are scattered throughout the campground. Water is not available during winter months. Power boats are limited to single electric motors of one horsepower or less.,

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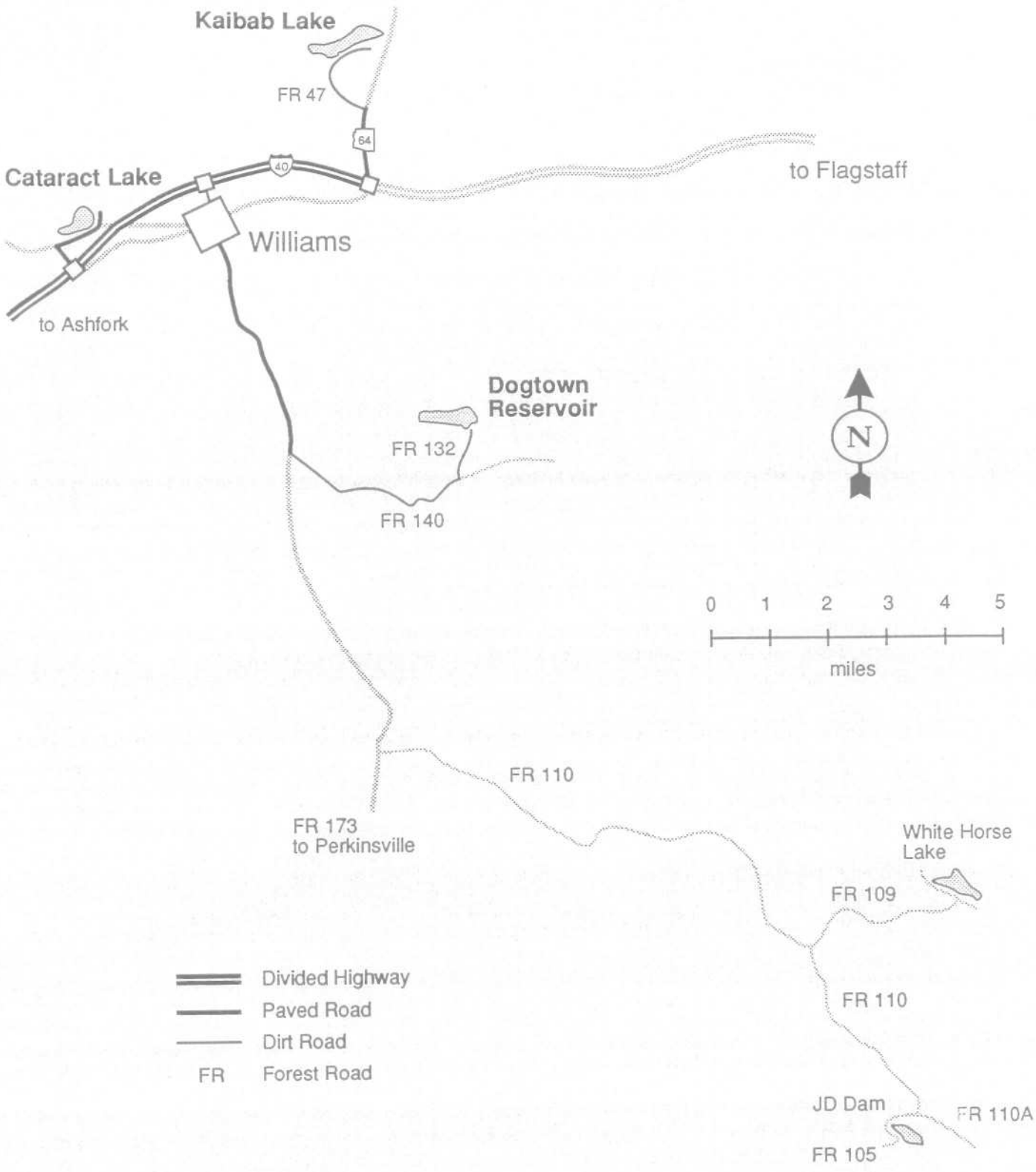
Cataract & Kaibab Lakes, Dogtown Reservoir



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J.D. DAM

Location: 19.5 miles south and east of Williams. **Elevation:** 6458 feet

Season of Use: Late spring through late fall or as weather permits.

Access/Road Conditions:

Sedans - From Williams, turn south on Fourth Street (CR 73) about 9 miles to FR 110. Turn left on FR 110 and continue 7.5 miles to FR 109. Turn right onto FR 109 and go 2.5 miles to FR 12. Take FR 12 south (right) 4 miles to FR 110. Turn right and proceed approximately 0.1 mile to FR 105 and go .5 mile to the lake. Roads are paved and gravelled, but the last few miles may not be suitable for passenger vehicles during periods of rain or snow.

High clearance vehicles - From Williams, turn south on Fourth Street (CR 73) about 9 miles to FR 110. Turn left on FR 110 and continue 9 miles to FR 105. Turn right onto FR 105 and go .5 miles to the lake.

Facilities: No toilets, tables, or drinking water is available. Camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of the lake.

WHITE HORSE LAKE

Location: About 19 miles south and east of Williams. **Elevation:** 6550 feet

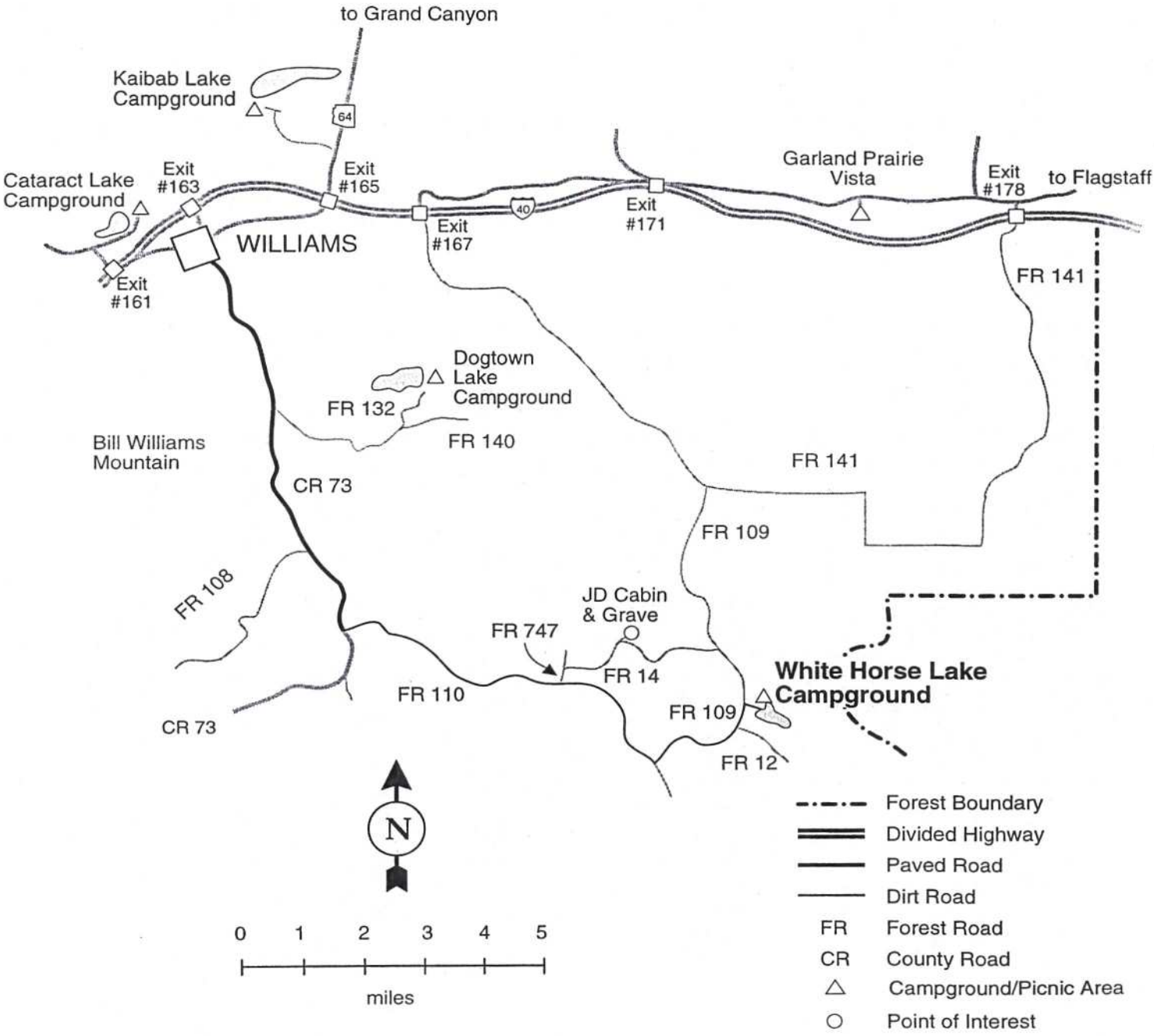
Season of Use: May - October, or as weather permits.

Fee: There is a fee for camping overnight and picnicking if using designated campsites.

Access/Road Conditions: From Williams, turn south on fourth street (CR 73) about 9 miles to FR 110. Turn left on FR 110 for 7.5 miles and turn left again onto FR 109. Go 3 miles to the campground entrance. The roads are paved and gravelled but may be closed during the winter.

Facilities: There are 94 campsites with fire rings and picnic tables. Two pit toilets are open only during the off-season. Composting toilets and water faucets are scattered throughout the campground and are open May - October. A concrete boat-launch ramp is available. Power boats are limited to single electric motors of one horsepower or less. Drinking water is not available during winter months.

White Horse Lake Campground



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Season of Use: Late spring through late fall or as weather permits.

Access: From Williams turn south on Fourth Street (FR 173) about 9 miles to FR 110. Turn left on FR 110 and continue 9 miles to FR 105. Turn right onto FR 105 and go .5 miles to the lake. The roads are paved and gravelled, but the last two or three miles may not be suitable for sedans during periods of rain or snow.

Facilities: No toilets, tables, or drinking water is available. Power boats are limited to electric motors of one horsepower or less.

WHITE HORSE LAKE

Location: About 19 miles south and east of Williams. **Elevation:** 6550 feet

Season of Use: May 15 – October 31 or as weather permits.

Access: From Williams turn south on fourth street (FR 173) about 9 miles to FR 110. Turn left on FR 110 for 6 miles and turn left again onto FR 109. Go 3 miles to the campground entrance. The roads are paved and gravelled for all-weather use and are usually kept open during the winter.

Facilities: There are 85 campsites with fire-rings and picnic tables. Pit toilets and water faucets are scattered throughout the campground. The private concessionaire has rentals that include canoes, paddle boats, rowboats, electric motors, cabins, and trailer-campsites. Also available is a store stocked with fishing and picnic supplies and a cinder boat-launch ramp. Power boats are limited to single electric motors of one horsepower or less. Water is not available during winter months.

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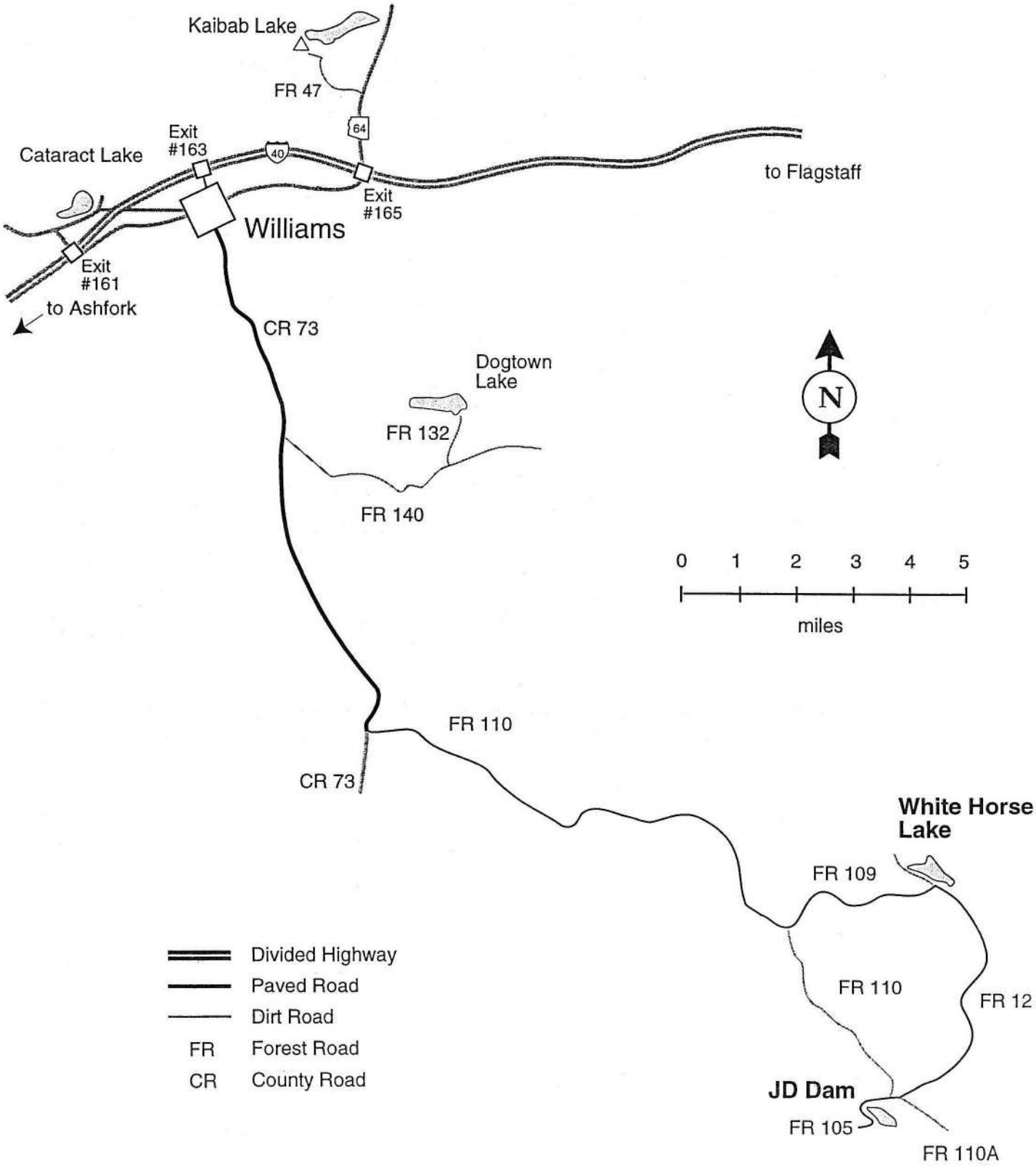
J.D. Dam &White Horse Lake



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HUNTING

INTRODUCTION

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has primary responsibility for wildlife in Arizona. The Arizona Hunting Regulations (published annually in early summer) and Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations (published annually in August) provide information concerning hunting seasons, bag limits, etc., and are available at Arizona Game and Fish Department offices located throughout the state.

The Forest Service is responsible for providing forest and grassland habitats which supply food, water, cover and solitude for wildlife on the National Forests. The Williams District, adjoining (and in some instances surrounding) private, state, and other federal lands, contain a variety of habitats, from high, mountainous areas to low prairies.

At present, the primary habitat management practices on the forest are intended to balance the age-class distribution of trees, close unneeded roads, maintain important habitats (such as wetlands and aspen stands) and increase the availability of water for wildlife. Management to maintain habitat for all species of wildlife, including rare species, is emphasized.

BIG GAME HUNTING

Elk, deer, and antelope are such popular game animals in Arizona that drawings are held annually to determine which hunters will receive permits to hunt them. Permits for wild turkey (fall season only), bear, and mountain lion are obtainable from most license vendors upon payment of the appropriate fees. Permits for spring "bearded turkey" hunting are also allotted by drawing.

At present, Arizona Hunting Regulations do not treat mule deer and whitetail deer as separate species. In this area, the archery deer season is usually held in August and September and is open to anyone who purchases the appropriate licenses. The firearms season is usually in late October and early November and permits are issued after a random drawing. The deadline for application is late June or early July. Generally, only antlered deer are legal game for both bow and gun hunters. However, in some years a very limited number of any deer permits may be available.

ANTELOPE (Antilocapra americana)

Antelope are rarely seen close up. They usually inhabit large, nearly treeless prairies and their greatest defenses are exceptional eyesight and sustained high speed running. Therefore, they are usually best seen through binoculars.

The bucks have forked horns which extend well beyond the ears in mature animals. The horns are not shed, but the outer sheath is shed annually. The does sometimes have horns, but these seldom extend beyond the ears.

The major food of antelope is forbs. Grass is a minor food item, mostly in the early spring. Browse is eaten in small quantities when other foods are unavailable, mostly in the winter.

The young, usually twins, are born in late May and early June. At three days of age, they can outrun a man, and at one week they can run with the adults for short distances.

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SMALL GAME HUNTING

Small game hunting in the Southwest has been continually increasing in popularity. However, it has never been as popular in the Southwestern states as in the Eastern states.

Rabbits are usually hunted with shotguns or 22-caliber rifles. Although they suffer from many diseases and parasites, the meat is safe to eat if it is well cooked. Tularemia or rabbit fever can be avoided by taking only healthy, active animals during cold, freezing weather, wearing rubber gloves while cleaning them and thoroughly washing your hands afterward. Again, the meat is safe to eat if it is well cooked.

Arizona has a split season on mourning doves. The first half of the season usually begins on September 1 and lasts for about three weeks. The second half is usually in December for about four weeks. On the Williams District, mourning doves are fairly common during the first half of the season, but are almost non-existent during the second half. They are hunted by pass-shooting as they fly to water, or by flushing them as they feed in the open prairies or in the more open pinyon-juniper woodlands.

The bandtail pigeon hunting season in Arizona re-opened several years ago after a closure of nearly 20 years. An approximately four-week season usually opens in early October. A special permit is required to hunt this pigeon. The permit is available to everyone at no charge and is obtainable in person or by mail from offices of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

Only a few ducks and coots are raised in Arizona. These are mostly mallards, pintails, cinnamon teal, shovellers, redheads, ruddy ducks, American mergansers, and American coots. These birds and many others migrate through the state. Some spend the winter in the state, but mostly in the southern areas where the waters do not freeze.

Waterfowl hunting on the Williams District is sparse due to the lack of lakes. Some hunters erect temporary blinds and set decoys. Others travel to stock tanks, sneak to the edge of the tank, and shoot as the birds are flushed from the water.

Non-toxic shot regulations are not in effect in the Williams area (Units 7 & 8). However, these regulations are in effect in the Flagstaff area (Upper and Lower Lake Mary, Mormon Lake and Unit 5B).

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for regulating and managing sport fishing in Arizona, including on the National Forests. All anglers 14 years and older are required to possess a valid Arizona fishing license. In addition, a trout stamp must be affixed to the back of a Class A (General Fishing) license if the user wishes to fish for trout. Arizona fishing licenses can be purchased in Williams at Safeway and PicQuic. The Arizona Game and Fish Weekly Fishing Report phone number is (602) 789-3701.

Listed here are the cold water fishing lakes on the district. Warm water fisheries mentioned above can be located using the forest recreation map (available for a nominal fee at the visitor center and local forest offices). The following publications of interest to anglers are available from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, 2222 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023. ***Wildlife Views*** is a monthly magazine for everyone interested in Arizona's wildlife, call (602) 789-3224 to subscribe. ***Arizona Fishin' Holes*** is a guide to the state's popular fishing waters, call (602) 942-3000 to obtain a copy.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department stocks the lakes with various species of fish, including rainbow and brown trout, channel catfish, largemouth bass, black crappie, sunfish, and bluegill.

Cataract and Kaibab:
Stock: rainbow trout, channel catfish
Also Found: large mouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, and occassional brown trout

Dogtown and WhiteHorse:
rainbow trout, brown trout (occassionally)

The local Arizona Game and Fish Department office address is:
3500 South Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
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MOUNTAIN BIKING

STAGE STATION LOOP

Length: 7.9 miles round-trip **Season:** April through November **Use:** Light

Rating: Moderate **USGS Maps:** (15' Quad) Bill Williams Mountain

This is a pleasant ride over rolling terrain along a primitive road that winds through ponderosa pine forests, pinyon and juniper stands, and open grasslands. The scenery, for the most part is of nearby forests and meadows rather than distant mountains. The wide variety of habitats along the route supports a diverse community of wildlife. Animals like elk and mule deer, coyotes and goshawks are relatively easy to see because of the lay of the land. Wildflowers are plentiful in the spring and summer in the meadows along the road .

This is cattle country. As you ride, you'll see evidence of grazing and a number of range improvements such as stock tanks, fences, and a picturesque log corral.

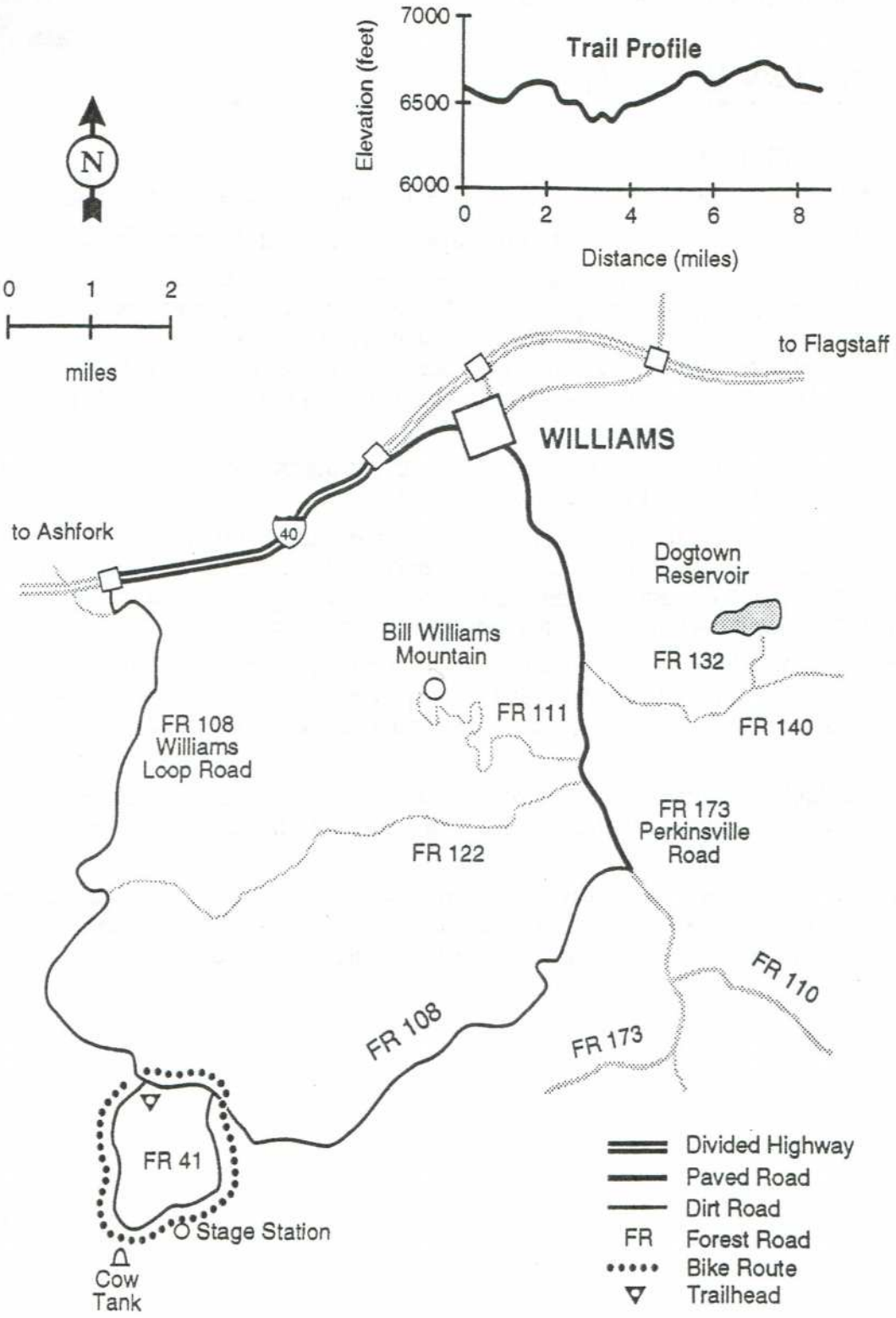
About halfway through the ride, the remains of an old cabin are visible on the right side of the road. A few of the timbers remain from this turn-of-the-century structure that marked a water and rest stop along an old stage route between Williams and Prescott. Here, you might imagine that weary travelers stopped for a change of horses and brief time out from their bumpy, dusty journey.

Route Description: The Stage Station Loop has its ups and downs, but they're all of moderate length and gradient. The ups are just long enough to get the heart pumping, and the downs are just steep enough to add a little zest to the ride. The road surface, for the most part, is smooth with only a few rocky places to bounce over.

You can ride this loop in either direction, clockwise or counter-clockwise. We recommend that you ride it counter-clockwise. That way, the last 1.2 miles of the ride, along heavily traveled FR 108, is downhill and over in the shortest time possible.

Access/Road Conditions Drive 4 miles west of Williams on I-40 to the Devil Dog Interchange (exit #157). Exit the highway and turn south on FR 108. Follow FR 108 for about 9.2 miles to FR 41 and the Stage Stop Loop Ride. Park your car here and have a good ride. FR 108 is suitable for passenger vehicles.

Stage Station Loop



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MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES

COCONINO RIM RIDE

Length: 9.1 miles one way **Season:** April through November **Use:** Light

Difficulty: Moderate **Map:** (15' Quad) Grandview

Attractions: This route offers some great views of the Grand Canyon and Painted Desert as well as easy biking in secluded surroundings. Part of the ride follows the Coconino Rim Trail, a section of the Arizona Trail. The Arizona Trail is a hiking, biking and horseback riding route that will eventually cross the entire state from the Mexican border to the Utah State line. If everything goes as planned, it will someday stretch all the way to Canada.

On the Tusayan District of the Kaibab National Forest, the Arizona Trail follows the top of the scenic Coconino Rim. This five-hundred foot escarpment curves southeast from the Grand Canyon and offers some unique views of that world famous chasm and the surrounding country. At a number of locations along the route, rocky promontories jut free of the surrounding trees and provide views of the Canyon's north and south rims as well as the crimson cliffs of its inner reaches. Distant panoramas of the Painted Desert color the horizon to the east. Wildlife is plentiful in the area, with tuft-eared Abert squirrels being the species most regularly observed. Elk and mule deer are frequently seen bounding off through the forest. Scrub jays chatter from the treetops as you ride by.

This newly constructed trail along the top of the Coconino Rim is in good condition with little change in gradient. It provides a rare opportunity for easy riding in near wilderness surroundings. The Arizona Trail continues on to Russell Tank, a large livestock watering pond, and to the Moqui Stage Stop, the ruins of a way station on an old stagecoach line that once led from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon. The ride loops back to the trailhead on secondary forest roads that are only lightly traveled by motor vehicles, or you can return the way you came if you want to avoid the road.

Route Description: The first half of the ride follows the Coconino Rim Trail, a primitive woodland path. Although the trail is narrow, it isn't generally steep or twisting (except for the switchbacks–see map), so novices can ride if they're careful, are prepared to lift their bike over a few logs, and walk the switchback section. Return to the trailhead by retracing your route or via FR 310, a dirt surfaced, secondary forest service road that is not heavily traveled, making it ideal for mountain biking.

Access/Road Conditions Just north of the sign marking the entrance to the town of Tusayan, turn east on FR 302 and follow it 16 miles to the Grandview Lookout Tower and the trailhead. These roads may be used by sedans, although they are closed in the winter due to snow.

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MOUNTAIN BIKING

HISTORIC ROUTE 66

"Get your kicks on Route 66," went the words to Bobby Troup's 1946 hit tune. Now you can get your bikes on two sections of this historic road. These road segments were once abandoned, but have been reopened by the Kaibab National Forest as mountain bike rides.

The cross-country strip of pavement that became known as America's Main Street blazed a trail right to our nation's heart. It was a road to romance, to a new start spiced with adventure and freedom, and it didn't hurt that all this was located in the picturesque Southwest. High mountains, hot deserts, cowboys and coyotes, you can see a bit of all these on the two rides outlined here. And you can see a lot more if you let your imagination do the looking. Listen for the clatter of the Model T's that bounced down Ash Fork Hill as you ride down the same twisting route. Think of the families energized by hope that made camp along the Devil Dog Road before descending to a desert that stretched all the way to the Pacific.

Now that we've got you interested, we'll tell you that these rides are not long, and they're reasonably close together. You can easily make them both before lunch. Better yet, have a picnic along the way.

DEVIL DOG LOOP #117

Length: 5 miles round trip **Season:** April through November **Use:** Moderate

Rating: Easy **USGS Map:** (15' Quad) Bill Williams Mountain

Attractions: Cool ride in the pines, historic setting, side route for exploring.

Route Description: The Devil Dog Loop starts out on FR 108 and turns almost immediately onto the unpaved 1922 alignment of Route 66 (now FR 45). At 0.7 miles into the ride, FR 45 branches off to the south for a strenuous climb to Bixler Saddle and some great views. Otherwise, the 1922 alignment continues through the forest to a turn around at the half-way point. Return by way of the 1932 alignment of Route 66. The pavement was removed along this stretch, but you can still see bits and pieces of it along the way.

Access/Road Conditions: Drive 6 miles out of Williams to the Devil Dog Road exit #151 (FR 108). Leave the highway here and park in the turnout just south of the interchange where an interpretive sign marks the beginning of the ride. These roads are suitable for passenger vehicle travel.

ASH FORK HILL LOOP #118

Length: 6 miles round trip **Season:** April through November **Use:** Moderate

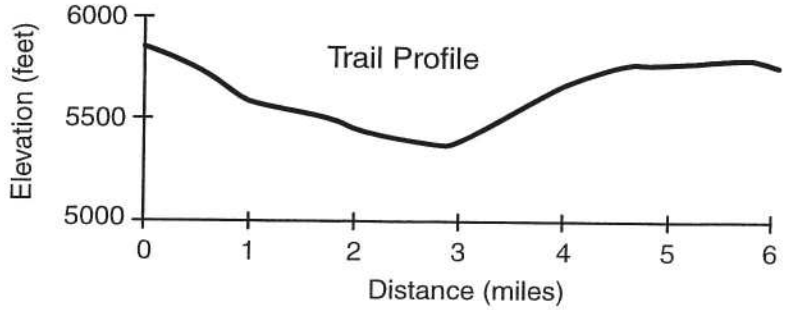
Rating: Easy to moderate **USGS Map:** Ash Fork

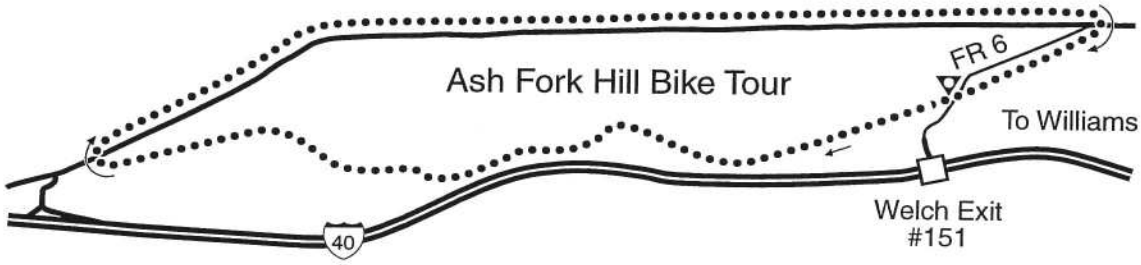
Attractions: Historic route, long distance views, handmade rock culverts, high desert setting

Route Description: The Ash Fork Hill Loop starts out on the 1922 alignment of Route 66 and winds down one of the steepest grades on the old highway. This stretch was never paved and you'll bounce along just like the Model T's. Return by way of the 1932 alignment on the original pavement.

Access/Road Conditions: Drive 12 miles out of Williams to the Welch Interchange exit (#151). Leave the highway here, follow FR 6 a short way, and park in the turnout just north of the interchange where an interpretive sign marks the beginning of the ride. A high clearance vehicle is recommended on FR 6.

Historic Route 66





Divided Highway
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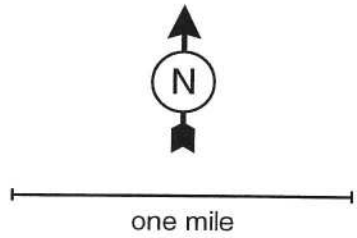

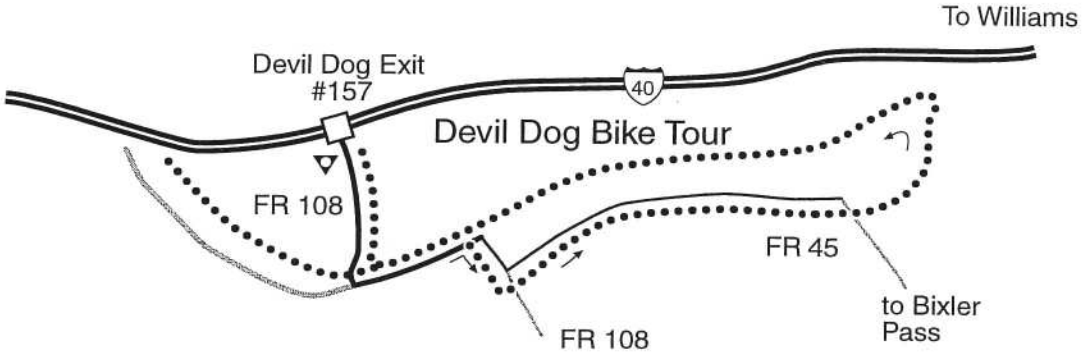

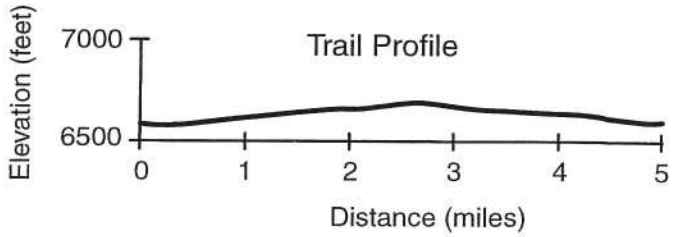

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MOUNTAIN BIKING

ROUND MOUNTAIN LOOP

Length: 10.4 miles **Season:** April through November **Use:** Light

Rating: Moderate to strenuous **USGS Map:** (15' Quad) Bill Williams Mountain

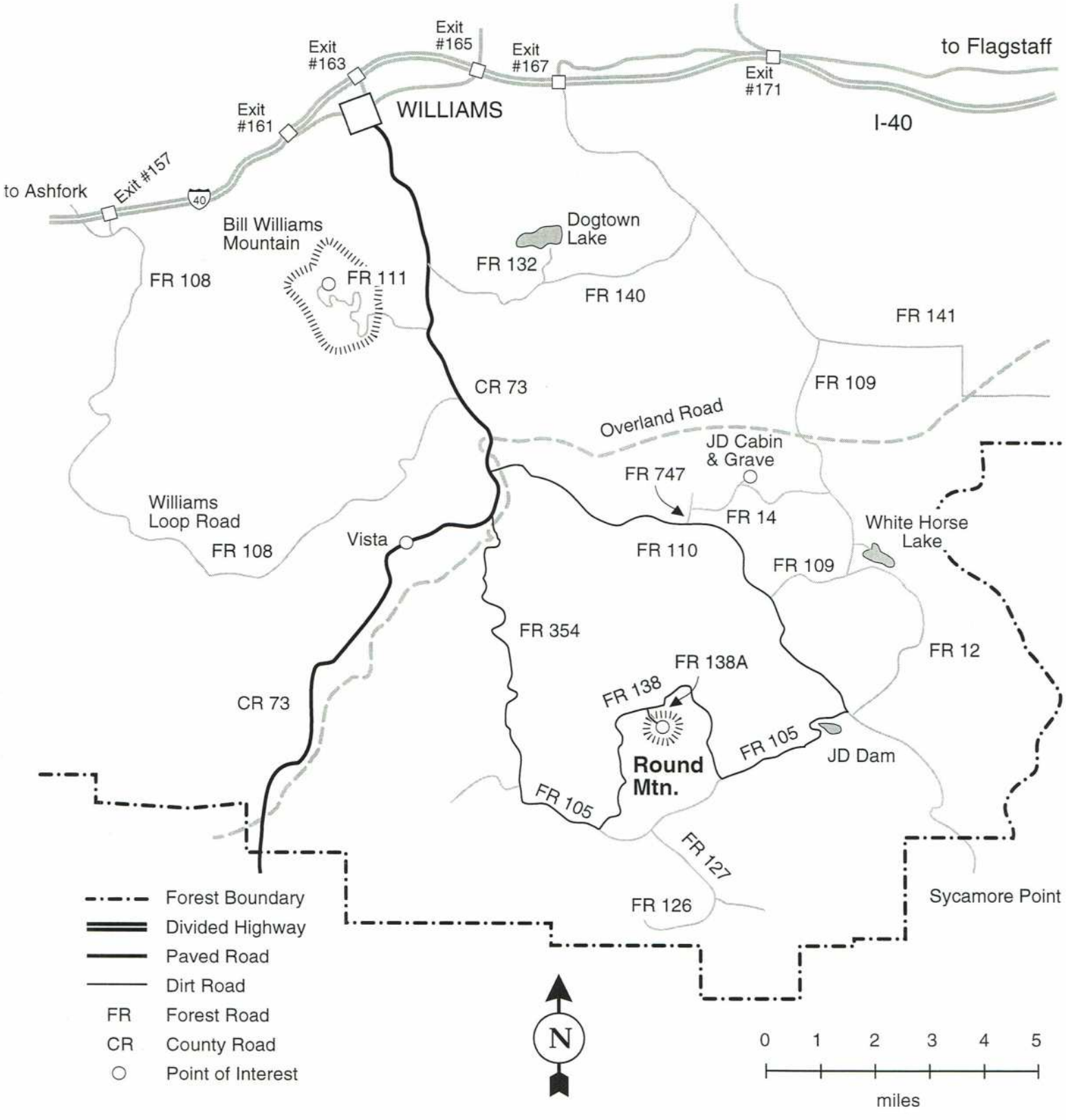
Attractions: This ride follows a little used forest road that passes through virtually every type of ponderosa pine habitat you'll find on the south Kaibab. The scenery here is diverse and close-up. Along the roadside you'll see dog hair thickets of spindly ponderosa saplings, groups of medium-sized black-jack ponderosas and more open communities of tall yellow pine ponderosas. In spite of all the different names, and all the different appearances, they're all the same tree species. There are even a few areas of forest here that are lush with undergrowth, a real rarity in northern Arizona.

The route itself is interesting too. There are a number of ups and downs with some fun curves to add spice to the ride. There's even a dip or two through a rocky creekbed. Watch for wildlife along the way. The Round Mountain Loop adds up to an interesting ride that'll keep you wondering what's around the next bend.

Route Description: The Round Mountain Loop follows FR 138 for most of its length. This secondary forest road is dirt surfaced, narrow, and winding - just right for a mountain bike ride. The route is hilly with some steep grades, accounting for the strenuous rating. Motorized vehicle traffic on the road is light but there is a chance of meeting another traveler.

Access/Road Conditions: Drive 8.5 miles south out of Williams on 4th Street (CR 73) to FR 110. Turn left, (east) and drive 10 more miles to FR 105. Follow FR 105 about 3 miles to FR 138. FR 105 and FR 138 can become very muddy and slippery when wet. A high clearance vehicle is recommended on the latter section of FR 105 and FR 110.

County Road 73 & Round Mountain Loop



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MOUNTAIN BIKING

SPRING VALLEY LOOP

Length: 8.0 miles **Season:** April to November **Use:** Light

Rating: Moderate to strenuous **USGS Map:** Parks

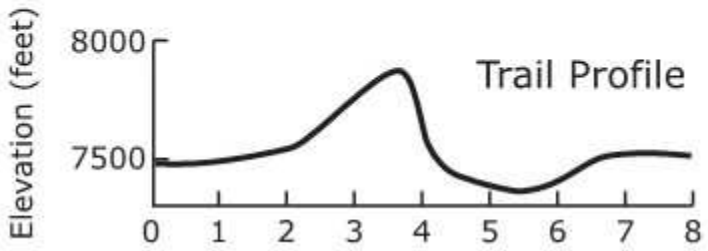
Attractions: The Spring Valley Loop offers a ride on remote roads and trails with good views, and abundant wildlife. Since the route serves as a cross country ski trail in winter, it offers the fat tire rider some interesting ups and downs, too. Early in the ride you'll pass Shoot 'Em Up Dick Tank where there is a handy little bench for a lunch stop. If you're not hungry yet, you can still take a minute to enjoy the impressive view of Kendrick Peak.

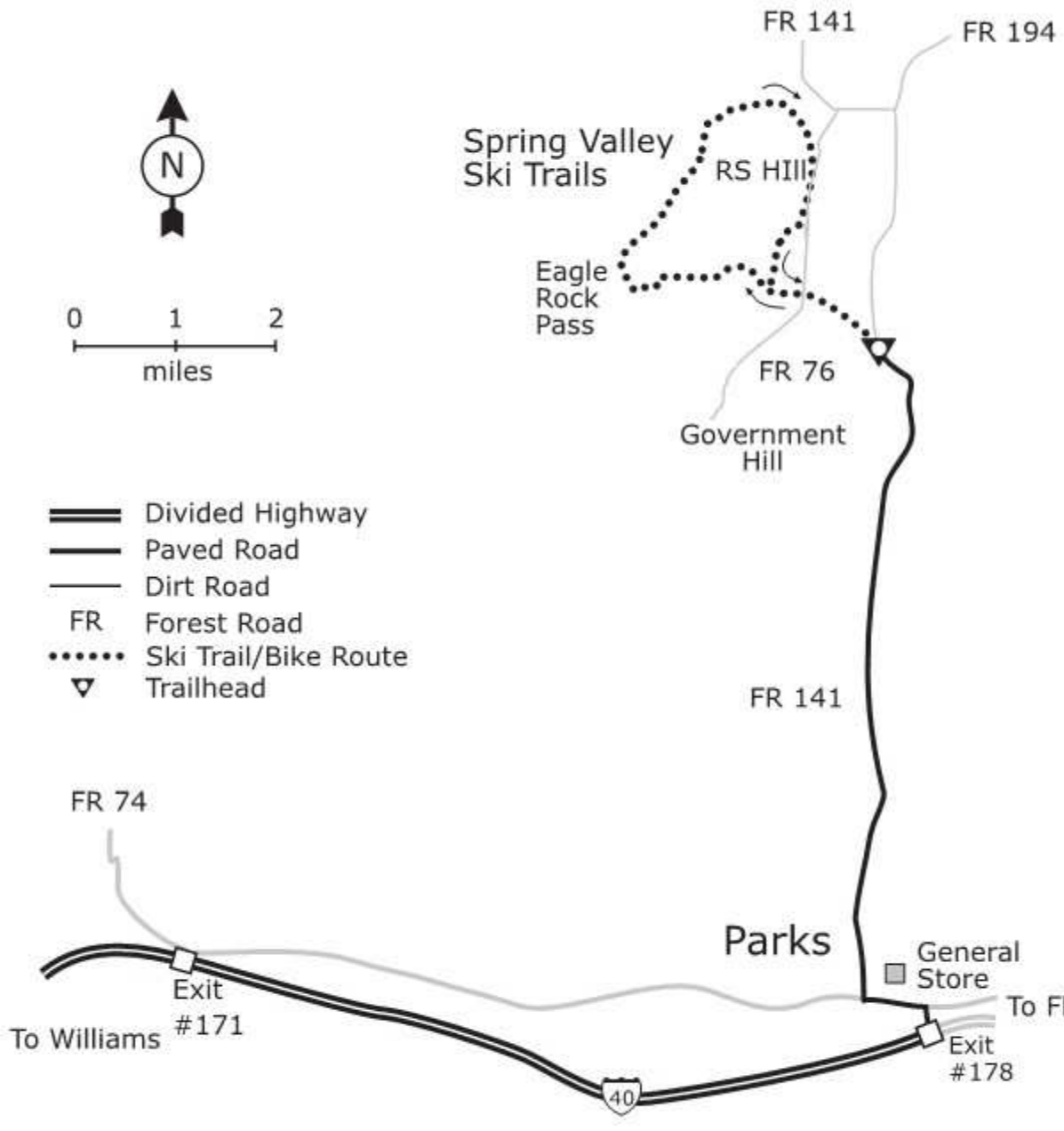
The route then climbs to Eagle Rock Pass where there is another good view complete with a picturesque snag in the foreground. The trail really gets rugged here, for about a hundred yards, so shoulder up your bike and give it a ride for a change. Down off the hairiest part of the slope, you can look forward to about a mile of solid downhill. The last part of the ride involves tracing the ski trail back through the ponderosa pines to the trailhead.

Route Description: The Spring Valley Mountain Bike Ride follows a course that in winter serves as a cross country ski trail so be sure to follow the diamonds marking the ski trail. The route itself includes everything from forest roads that support a modest amount of motorized traffic to narrow backcountry trails. There are a couple of long uphills and downhills along the ride, both of which have short steep sections. We advise you carry your bike down off of the pass near Eagle Rock.

Access/Road Conditions Drive east 14.5 miles from Williams to the Parks exit #178. Turn north and west across the highway to the Parks in the Pines General Store, and then north on FR 141 just west of the store. The Spring Valley Ski Trail parking lot is 6.5 miles north of Parks. All roads may be accessed by passenger vehicles.

Spring Valley Loop





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MOUNTAIN BIKING

SUNFLOWER FLAT/PERKINS TANK LOOP

Length: 6.2/9.2 =15.4 miles total **Season:** April through November **Use:** Moderate

Difficulty: Moderate/strenuous **USGS Map:** (15' Quad) Sycamore Point

Attractions: This ride is actually two rides in one. The first follows a secondary road through flat open forest country with a short detour to one of the best views on the forest. The second traces a course around secondary and primitive forest roads through some of the wildest area of any ride on the south Kaibab.

Sunflower Flat Road (FR 14) leads you down a quiet country road past a historic cabin surrounded by forests and meadows. J. D. Cabin, off the road and down a short road, is a historic homestead with cabin, barn, and corral settled in the 1870s. James Douglas is buried nearby. His cabin is not open to the public, but it does give a good idea of how pioneers in this area once lived. (See History of this guide.). It also makes a good backdrop for a photograph.

Notice that the forests in this area have been logged extensively in the past. (The oldest, tallest stumps were hand cut with crosscut saws.) At the end of FR 14, turn left on FR 747, left again on FR 110 and ride about a half mile to a great view of a highland meadow with the San Francisco Peaks in the background. A picturesque log corral makes a good foreground for a photograph.

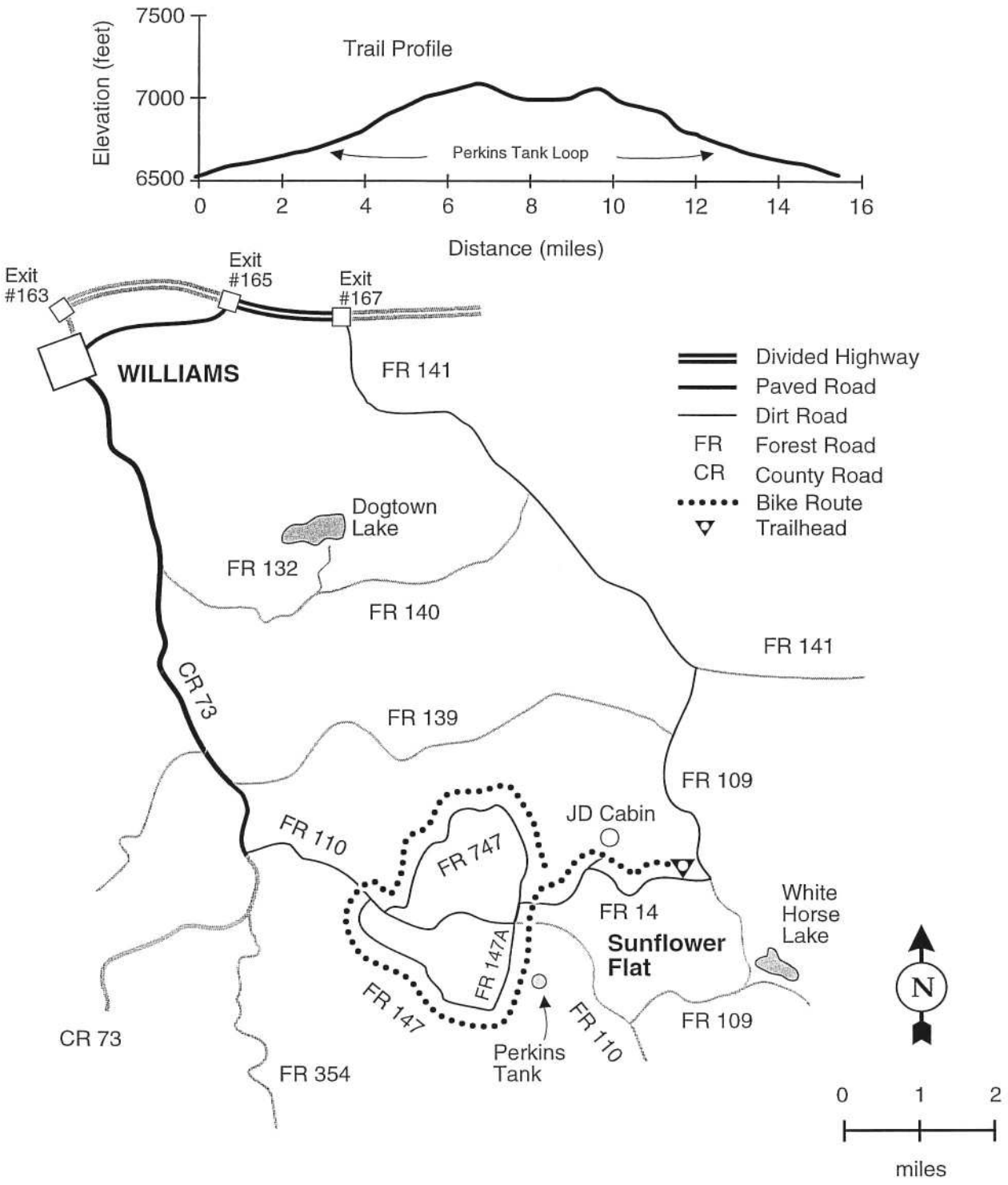
The Perkins Tank portion of the ride starts at the intersection of FR's 14 and 747. You can drive to this intersection and just ride the loop, or you can combine the two rides for a longer, more varied outing. The Perkins Tank Loop follows FR 747 up and over Morgan Hill through open forest. Mule deer frequently can be seen staring back at you from the roadside. After crossing FR 110, FR 147 takes you down a grassy valley and up a steep climb to FR 147A. This road takes you through country that is remote and relatively undisturbed. The road itself is little more than a trail. Watch for wildlife and a good view of the San Francisco Peaks. Where the road surface changes to cinders, you can take a short detour down to Perkins Tank for a little bird watching and trout fishing. Then it's down Perkins Knoll to FR 110 and back to the trailhead.

Route Description: The ride follows a number of different forest roads. They vary considerably, but most are infrequently traveled, narrow and winding. There are a few steep climbs separated by a lot of easy riding. The surfaces are mostly smooth with just a few rocky places. FR 147A is a dirt jeep track for most of its length. (It can easily turn into mud in wet weather.) Because of the length of the ride and a couple of lengthy climbs the total loop is rated strenuous.

Access/Road Conditions: Take 4th Street (CR 73) south out of Williams 8.5 miles to FR 110. Turn left (east), and travel 2.5 miles to FR 147 on your left. CR 73 is paved and FR 110 is maintained for passenger cars.

Alternate Route: Take I-40 east from Williams to the Garland Prairie exit (#167). Turn right onto FR 141 and head south for about 8 miles to the junction with FR 109. Continue south on FR 109 for about 4 miles to the FR 14 junction. Park here. All roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

Sunflower Flat/Perkins Tank Loop



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MOUNTAIN BIKING

SYCAMORE POINT RIDE

Length: 10 miles round-trip **Season:** April to November **Use:** Moderate

Rating: Moderate **USGS Map:** Sycamore Point

Attractions: Most people come to this ride for the view of Sycamore Canyon at the overlook, but the scenery along the way is worth the trip, too. The ride starts out in a ponderosa pine forest where big pines and bright green Gambel oaks stand in clumps by the roadside. Farther into the ride, the trees give way to broad grasslands dotted with alligator junipers. These squat, spreading trees have been pruned into bizarre shapes by years of cattle browsing, creating a landscape that looks like something straight out of Africa.

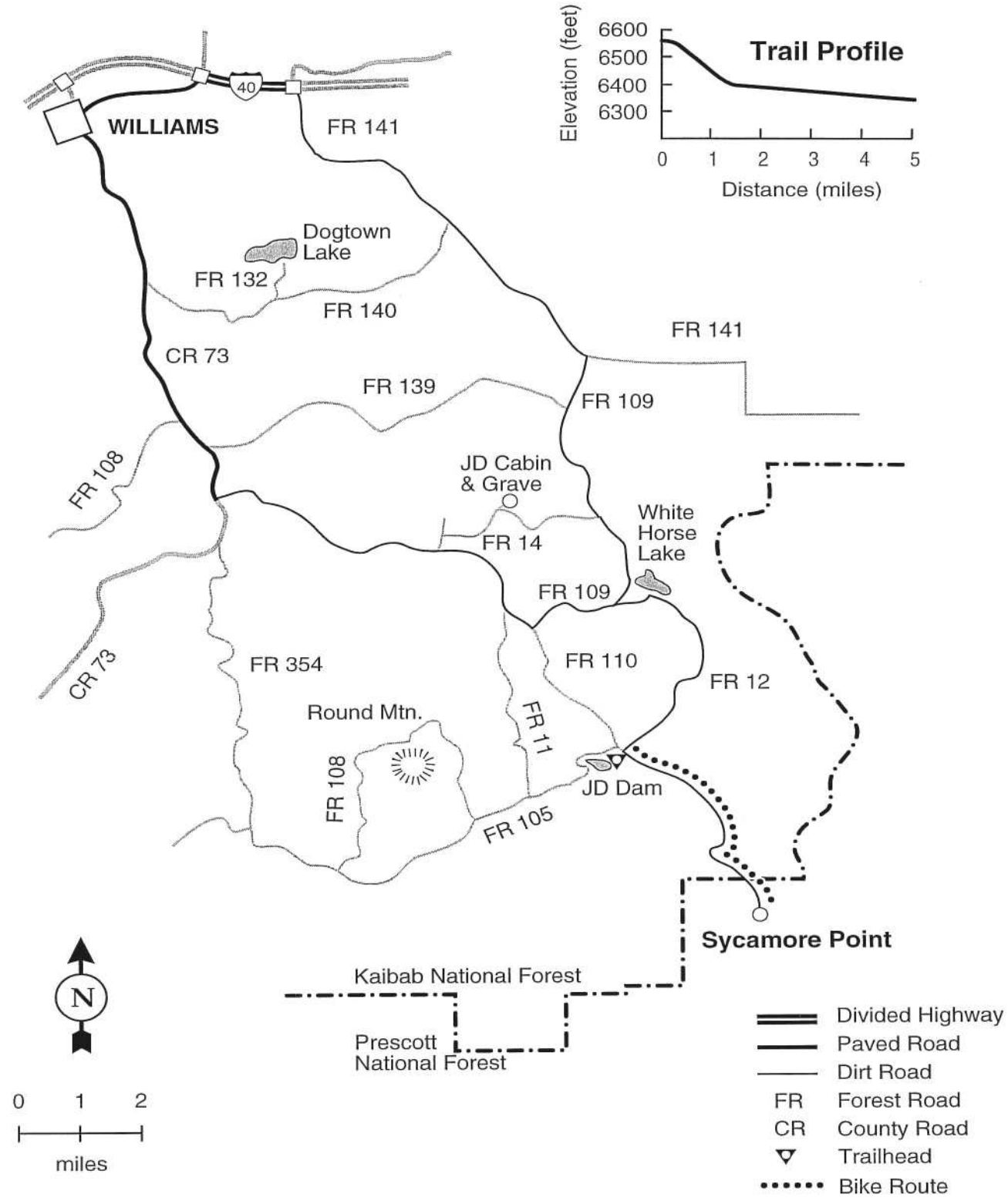
At road's end, the view is spectacular. Sycamore Canyon with its buff cliffs of Coconino Sandstone drops precipitously at your feet. To the north, San Francisco Peaks seem to rise right out of the upper reaches of this chasm, creating a landscape that encompasses 8,000 feet of elevation change, from canyon floor to mountain summit. Mingus Mountain and the Verde Valley complete the panorama to the south.

Route Description: The Sycamore Point Ride follows FR 110 out and back to the scenic overlook. This road is used by a moderate amount of motorized traffic, so be prepared to share the road with vehicles. The road surface is reasonably smooth with no steep grades. There is no possibility of a loop ride, although you could start a ride at White Horse Lake and use a different return route from the Sycamore Point Road Intersection (see map).

Access/Road Conditions: Drive 8.5 miles south out of Williams on 4th Street (CR 73) to FR 110. Turn left (east) and drive on FR 110 to FR 109 junction. Turn left on FR 109 and follow it to the junction with FR 12. Follow FR 12 for 4 miles to its junction with FR 110. Park here. The ride follows FR 110 from this point. All roads are passable by passenger vehicles in most weather.

Alternate Route: Take I-40 east from Williams to the Garland Prairie exit (#167). Turn right onto FR 141 and head south for about 8 miles to the junction with FR 109. Continue south on FR 109 for about 6 miles and continue south on FR 12. Follow FR 12 for 4 miles to its junction with FR 110.

Sycamore Point



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MOUNTAIN BIKING

COXCOMBS LOOP

Length: 9 miles (outer loop) **Season:** Spring through Late Fall **Use:** Light

Rating: Moderate **USGS Map:** (15' Quad) Williams

Attractions: This ride has it all - history, scenery, and wildlife. Its length is about right for a half day ride with a picnic or for an early evening workout. The route winds through a habitat dubbed the "transition zone." Here, stands of ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper take turns being the predominant forest type. It also passes through some stands of tall old-growth yellow pine. There are open meadows along the way, too. They provide good long distance views of Kendrick and Sitgreaves mountains to the east as well Picacho Peak and Mt. Floyd to the west.

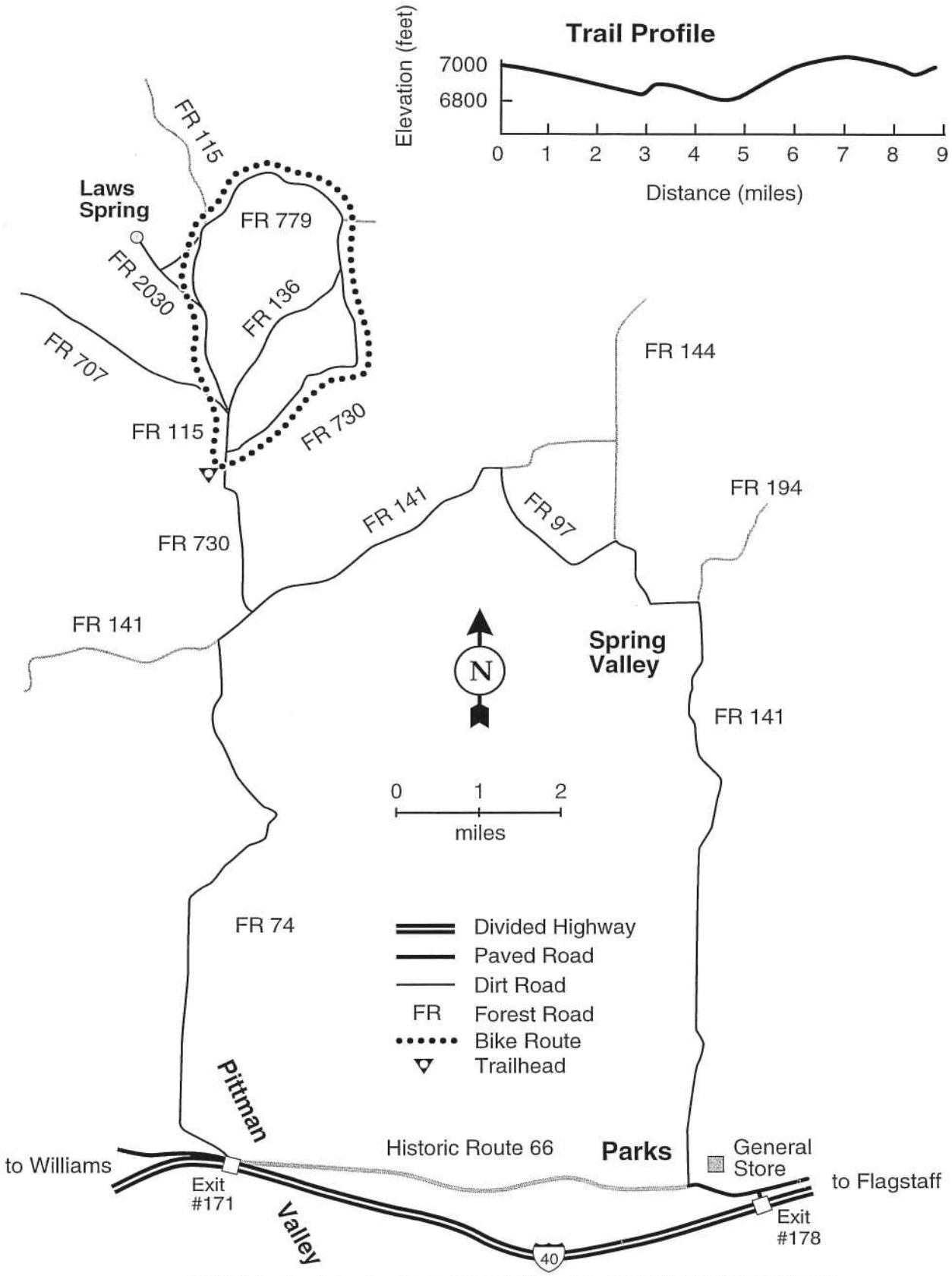
In some areas, the route travels through cleared pastures created to grow more forage for livestock and wildlife. This is a good place to keep a lookout for pronghorns. This is sheep grazing country so you will probably see a sheepherder's camp or two. Usually, these are occupied by herders whose history traces to the Basque region of Spain, Mexico , or South America. They're a colorful addition to the area's cultural heritage.

At one point, a short spur leads to historic Laws Spring. This perennial seep was visited by Lt. Edward F. Beale, a retired navy officer who constructed the first federal road across the southwest in 1857. Beale became famous not just for building this transcontinental road, but for the fact that he used the project to test the usefulness of camels as beasts of burden in the Southwest. They passed that test with flying colors even though the mule skinners turned thumbs down on the animals because of "their foul smell and evil temper." The Lieutenant had some of the durable beasts with him when he passed through this area. Beale's road is marked with rock cairns which you will see in a couple of places as you ride. For more information on this interesting sidelight, check the "History" section of this guide.

Route Description: The Coxcombs Loop follows a sparsely traveled road that climbs and dips over rolling terrain. The hills are all of moderate length and gradient, and the road surface is fairly smooth. FR 136 bisects the loop and can provide a "shortcut" if you only want to ride part of the trail. A loop from the trailhead via the shortcut is 5.9 miles for the southern route and 7.7 miles for the northern one.

Access/Road Conditions Drive east from Williams on Interstate 40 to the Parks exit #178 (west from Flagstaff). Turn north across the highway and west to the Parks in the Pines General Store. Turn north just west of the store on FR 141 and continue a total of 9.7 miles from the Interstate to FR 97. Take a scenic detour on FR 97 to rejoin FR 141 in 2.4 miles. Continue on FR 141 for 2.7 miles and turn north on FR 730 2.2 miles to FR 115. Drive 0.5 miles on FR 115 to the FR 136 intersection and park. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for all Forest Roads listed here except for FR 141.

Coxcombs Loop



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MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES

TUSAYAN BIKE TRAILS

Length: Different Lengths
Season: March through October
Use: Light
Difficulty: Moderate
Map: (15' Quad) Tusayan East
Elevation: 6750 Feet

General Information: These routes offer secluded riding on old logging roads that meander through the forest. The forest is made up of Ponderosa pine, Pinion pine, and Juniper. This area provides excellent opportunities for viewing a diverse community of wildlife species including: elk, mule deer, hawks, eagles, antelope, porcupine, rabbits, coyotes, turkeys, as well as a large variety of birds.

Route Description: The trail system is made up of several loops that will return you to the trailhead. There are three trails that are identified with a number located on a brown post. Trail number 1 should be used to access trail number 2 and trail numbers 1 and 2 must be utilized to access trail number 3. For more information please refer to the map located on the back side of this page.

Trail #1 - 3.7 Miles Round Trip

This is a great trail for the inexperienced or the person who wants just a short ride. This ride takes you through one of the largest stands of Ponderosa pine in the world.

Trail #2 Rocky Road - 10.2 Miles Round Trip

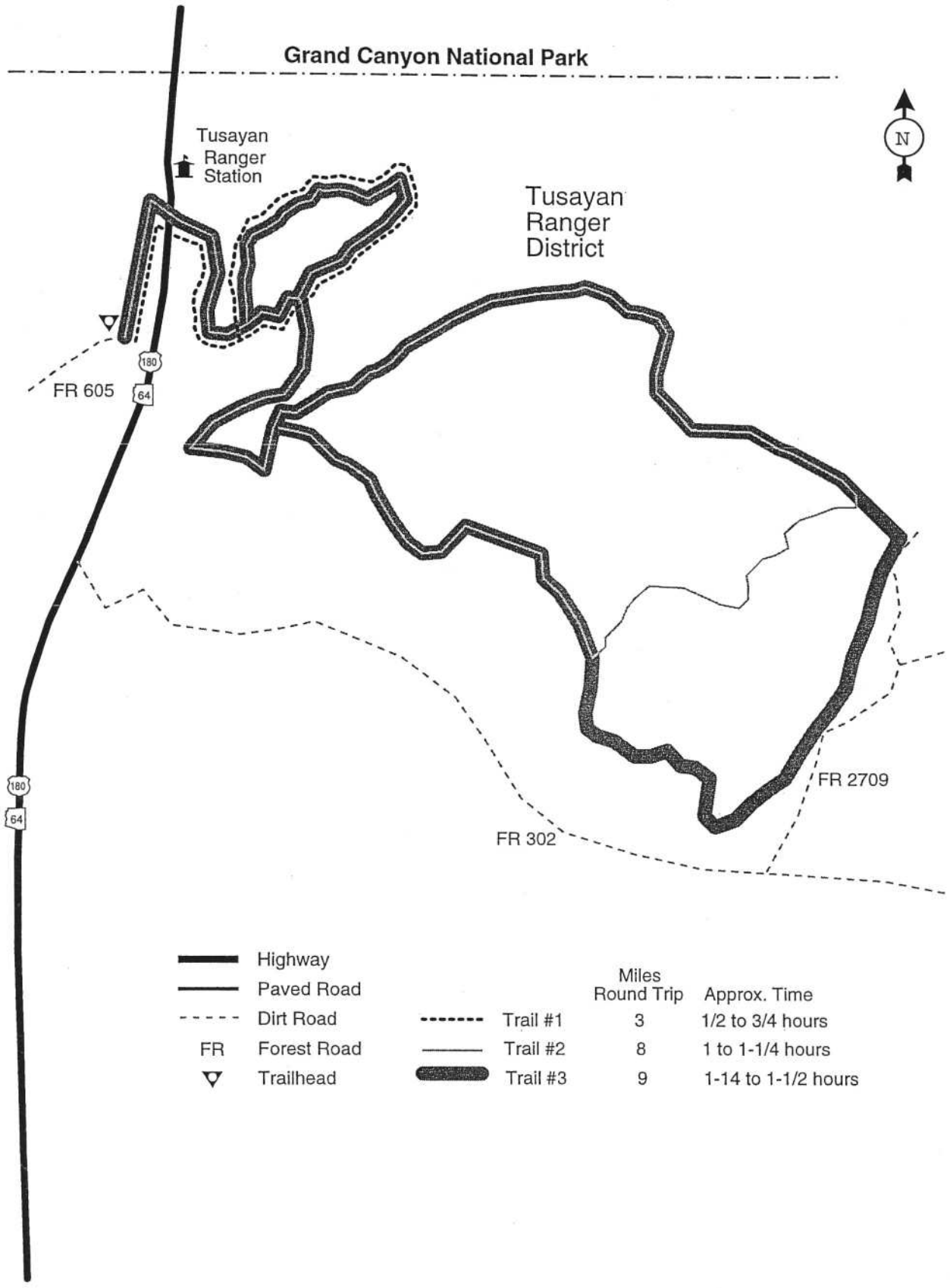
This trail is for the more experienced rider who wants some challenges. In several locations there are short steep hills as well as some areas that have numerous rocks on the trail; however, there is nothing you can't walk around.

Trail #3 Gumbo - 11.2 Miles Round Trip

This trail got its name from the clay that is located in the area; when wet it gets slippery. Several areas along the trail have been washed out by erosion, so be careful and stay on the trail.

Trailhead Information: The trailhead is located 0.4 miles south of the Tusayan Ranger District office and 0.3 miles north of Tusayan on the west side of the State Highway 64/180. The trail goes north for approximately 1/8 of a mile and then crosses under State Highway 64/180 through a large concrete walkway. From there the trail leads into the forest and follows old logging roads and trails.

Tusayan Bike Trails



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BIRD WATCHING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bird watching can be quite rewarding on the Tusayan District. Because of the diversity of habitats found in this high desert region just south of the Grand Canyon, it serves as a home to a surprising variety of avian species. The district's elevation ranges from about 5700 feet up to 7500 feet. Its habitats include pinyon, juniper, ponderosa pine, and intermixed stands of all three species. There are also wetland areas formed by intermittent lakes, reservoirs, and natural potholes. A number of open meadows can be found on the district, too.

In the pine forests that provide cover on most of the district, winter birds commonly seen are:

Gray-headed Junco	White-breasted Nuthatch
Oregon Junco	Pygmy Nuthatch
Mountain Chickadee	Steller's Jay
Plain Titmouse	Pinyon Jay

Early in the spring, flocks of starlings and cowbirds are some of the first arrivals. Bluebirds (mountain and western) follow a little later in March, along with robins, flickers, redwing and yellow-headed blackbirds, meadow and horned larks. Acorn woodpeckers are occasionally spotted about this time, too. The Say's phoebe is another early spring arrival, followed by the western kingbird in early April. Violet-green swallows and broadtailed hummingbirds often arrive at about the same time, at the end of April. Much to the broadtail's relief, the aggressive rufous hummingbird, nature's miniature fighter pilot, holds off its appearance until the end of July. During early May, chipping sparrows, lesser goldfinches, and siskins appear and are common throughout much of the summer. Also in early May, Townsend's solitaires move from the pinyon-juniper to the pine forest. Among the warblers to be found here, Audubons appear to be the most common. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers are easiest spot in the fall. Look for snags full of purple martins in the ponderosa pine forest in the summer.

For some of the most interesting bird watching, areas near water are best. The pinyon-juniper areas often support a greater variety of species than the pine forests, especially in the winter.

For a more complete list of bird species on the Tusayan Ranger District, contact the District Ranger's Office in Tusayan: P.O. Box 3088, Tusayan, AZ 86023, (520) 638-2443.

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BIRD WATCHING

COLEMAN LAKE

The lake is located approximately 10 miles south of Williams, and is an excellent spot to view a wide variety of birds. Ducks are the main attraction here, thanks to a series of waterfowl habitat projects which have created 76 duck nesting mounds.

The best time for birding is from April through late May, when both migrating and nesting ducks are present. Common nesters include coots, mallards, cinnamon teal, ruddy ducks, redheads, ring-necked ducks, piedbilled grebes and eared grebes.

Buffleheads and pintails are common migrants in the area, stopping briefly on their spring trip to northern breeding grounds. If you are lucky, you may even see a rare migrant to the area, the wood duck.

Access/Road Conditions: Take Fourth Street (CR 73) south from Williams 7 miles to FR 108 and turn right. It is 3 miles to Coleman Lake. These roads are suitable for passenger vehicles.

BIXLER MOUNTAIN

Bird watchers on Bixler Mountain will find a wide array of birds in habitats ranging from ponderosa pine to mixed conifer.

This is a good place to see cavity-nesting birds such as the common flicker, hairy woodpecker, mountain chickadee, white-breasted nuthatch, red-breasted nuthatch, and pygmy nuthatch.

The red-faced warbler, Virginia's warbler, Townsend's solitaire, and band-tailed pigeon are fairly common summer residents on the mountain. Two birds typically uncommon to Northern Arizona are known to breed here: the orange-crowned warbler and Williamson's sapsucker.

The best time for birding here is during the breeding season, approximately mid-May through July.

Access #1: Access to the mountain is difficult, at best. From Williams take the Fourth Street (CR 73) south for about 7 miles to FR111. FR 111, a high clearance vehicle road, will take you to the Bill Williams Lookout, east of Bixler. From the lookout, take the Bixler Saddle Trail 2 miles west to Bixler Saddle. From there it is a rugged 1 mile hike up the mountain.

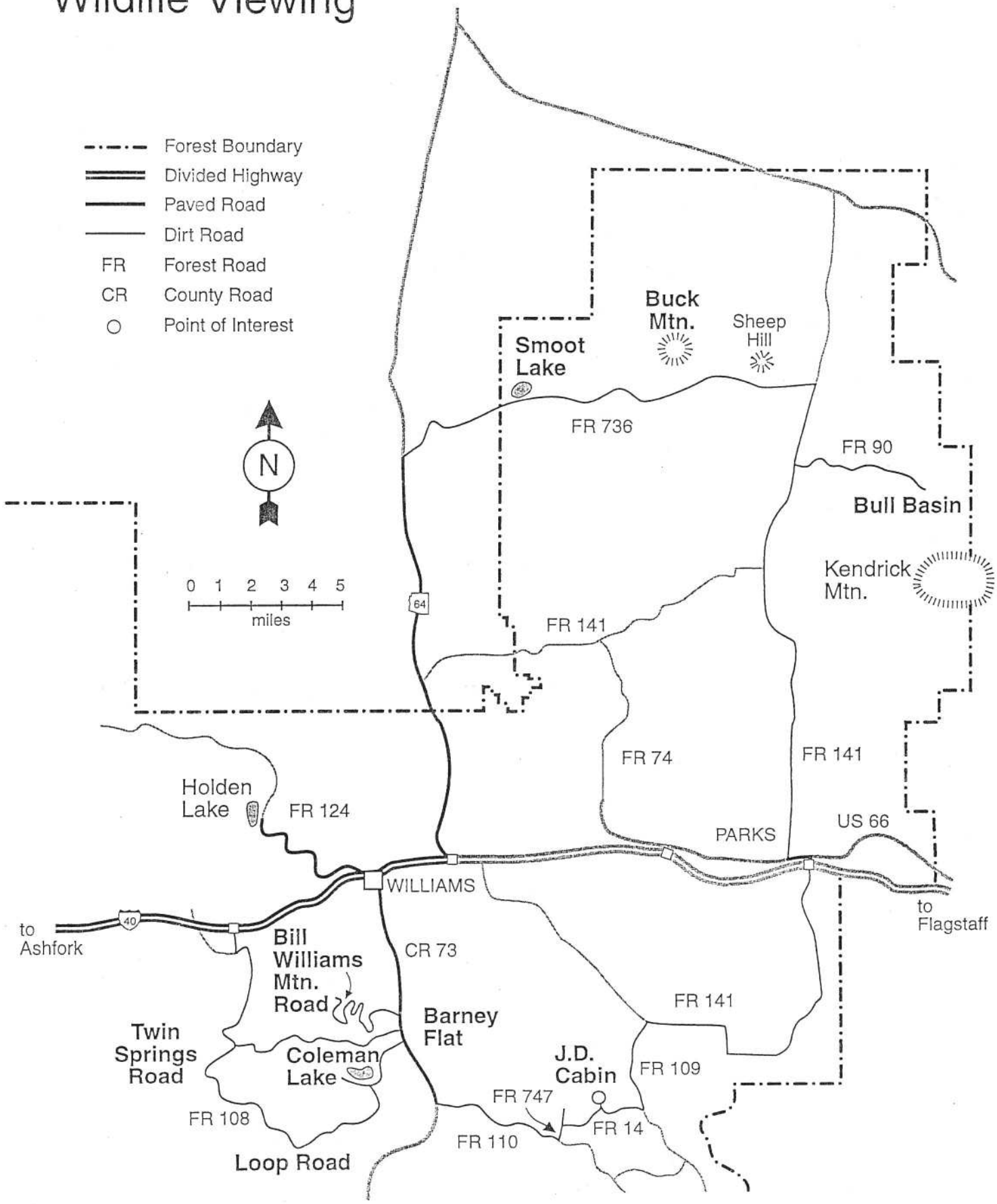
Access #2: FR 45 (see map) provides direct access to Bixler Saddle, but should be attempted only in a high clearance vehicle. Go west on I-40 to the Devil Dog Interchange exit, go approximately 2 miles east on FR 108 and turn left onto FR 45.

SUNFLOWER FLAT

If conditions are right (wet weather) the Sunflower Flat area can be a good place for birding. Not only will you see waterfowl, but also many types of shore birds which migrate through the area.

Access/Road Conditions: Take Fourth Street (CR 73) south from Williams about 9 miles and turn left on FR 110. In approximately 5 miles, turn left onto FR 747, then turn right on FR 14. Sunflower Flat is located off FR 14 near J.D. Cabin. CR 73 is paved and the other roads are cindered and suitable for high clearance vehicles.

Wildlife Viewing



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FALL COLORS

GENERAL INFORMATION

A picture-taking drive through the south Kaibab in the fall can be a colorful experience. Bright yellow aspen leaves predominate the fall color spectrum. Orange oak leaves and the deep green of ponderosa pines add contrast to the magnificent play of color. The places where the best fall colors occur are listed below.

Climatic variations cause leaf color changes to occur at slightly different times from year to year. Therefore, if you can plan your trip a week or two in advance, it is recommended that you contact the Visitor Center for the latest information. If you plan to be in the area anytime between mid-September and mid-October, the trip will be worthwhile, even if you miss the peak color change.

SPRING VALLEY LOOP

This trip along FR 141 offers scenic views of aspen on Kendrick Mountain, Sitgreaves Mountain, the San Francisco Peaks and the Spring Valley area. An optional side trip for high clearance vehicles leads to Bull Basin on the north side of Kendrick Mountain, with abundant aspen groves.

Length: 23 miles

Driving Time: 4 to 5 hours round trip from Williams

Road Conditions: Paved and gravel, suitable for passenger vehicles.

Access: Spring Valley Road is the local name for a portion of Forest Road 141 that lies north of I-40. The west end intersects with State Route 64 about 5.5 miles north of I-40; the east end joins Historic Route 66 at Parks.

WILLIAMS LOOP ROAD

Aspen groves on Bill Williams and Summit Mountains are attractions along this scenic drive.

Length: 26 miles

Driving Time: 4 hours round trip from Williams

Road Conditions: Paved and gravel, suitable for passenger vehicles.

Access: Drive south on 4th Street (CR 73) approximately 7 miles to the Williams Loop Road (FR 108). This road leads to Interstate 40.

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NATURE WALKS

PARKS REST AREA NATURE TRAIL

Attractions: The Parks Rest Area Nature Trail provides a good opportunity for travelers to take a break from the rigors of the road. The trail loops for about 0.5 mile through a section of ponderosa pine forest north of the rest area. Signs along the route explain the different features found along the way. The trail is paved throughout its entire length to provide accessibility to those who use a wheelchair.

Length: 0.5 miles **Rating:** Easy **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: The trailhead is located on the north side of the rest area, at the midpoint of the parking lot.

Hiking Time: 0.5 hours.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles, horse, or mountain bikes.

Recommended Season: Year-round (weather permitting)

USGS Map(s): Williams South

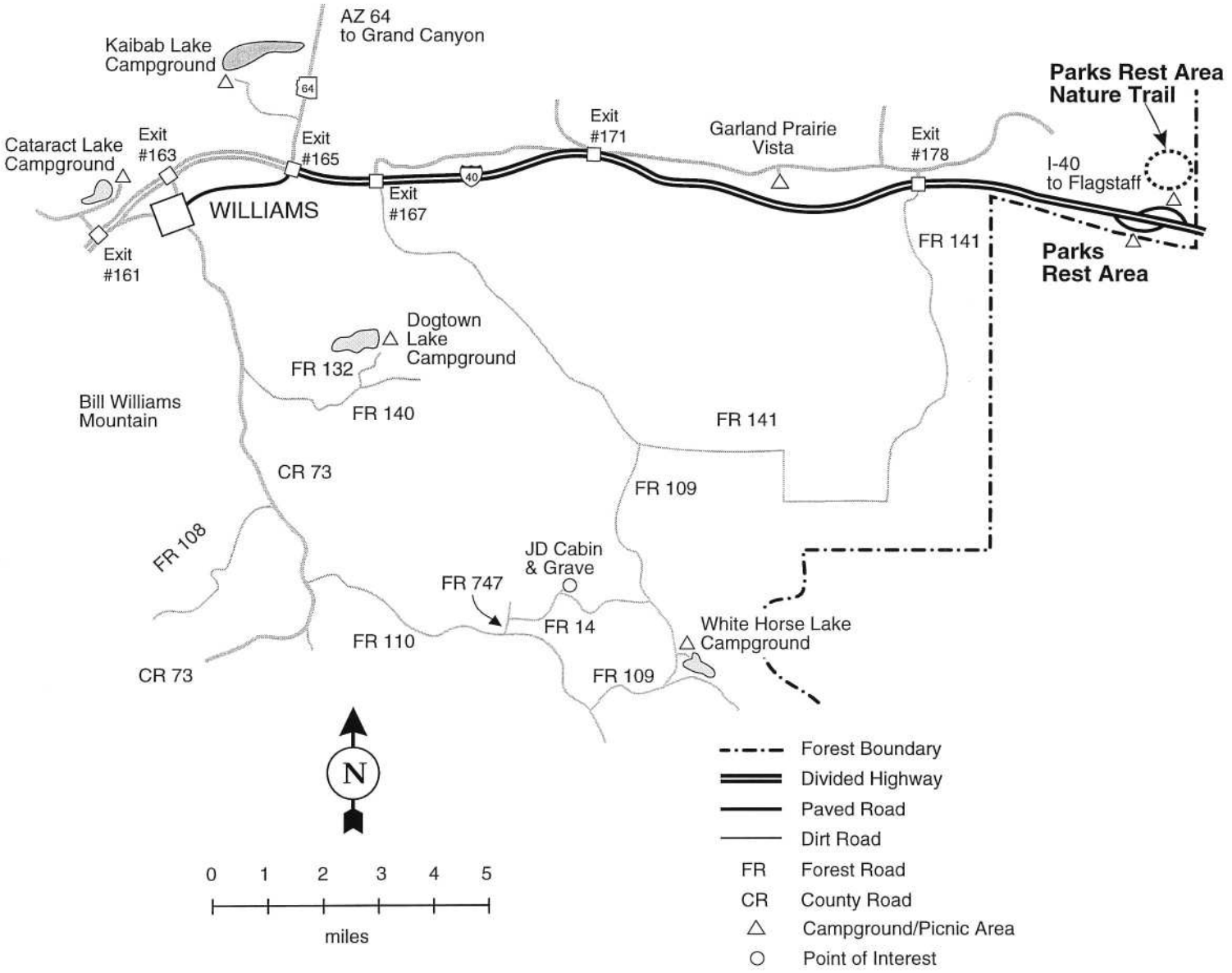
Access: From Williams drive east on I-40 to the Bellemont exit #185. Use the exit to reverse your direction and drive west on I-40 to the Parks Rest Area. (There is no nature trail for the east-bound lane.)

Travel Time: About 25 minutes from Williams

Road Conditions: Roads are paved, suitable for passenger vehicles in all weather.

Trail Layout: The trail follows a loop course.

Parks Rest Area Nature Trail



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NATURE WALKS

PONDEROSA NATURE TRAIL

Attractions: The Ponderosa Nature Trail is located in the Dogtown Lake Recreation Area. The 0.75 mile loop trail winds over rolling terrain through Dogtown Wash. Pick up a brochure at the trailhead to read about interesting compoments of the ponderosa pine forest found along the trail. A stroll around this loop could add a nice highlight to your camping or fishing trip.

Length: 0.75 miles **Rating:** Easy **Use:** Moderate

Trailhead Location: Trailhead at 7100 feet. Trail starts at the east end of Dogtown Lake.

Hiking Time: 0.5 hours.

Use Restrictions: No motorized vehicles or horses. Horses are not permitted in Dogtown Campground.

Recommended Season: Early spring to early winter.

USGS Map(s): Williams South

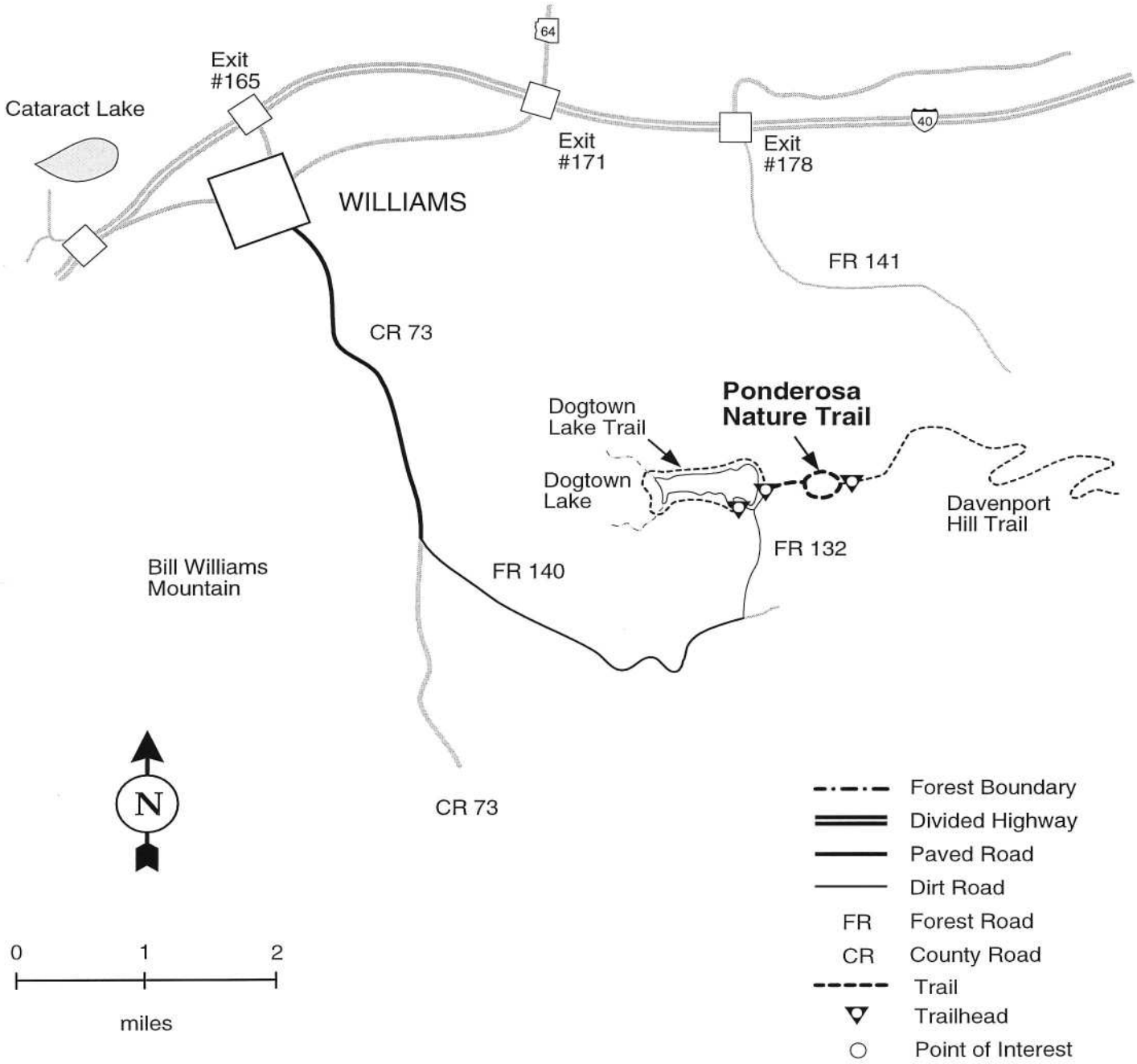
Access: From Williams take 4th St. (CR 73) south about 4 mi. to FR 140. Turn left (east onto FR 140 for about 3 miles to FR 132. Then turn left (north) onto FR 132 and follow it to the campground (about 1 mi.). The trail begins from the parking area near the boat ramp. These are paved and all-weather roads suitable for passenger vehicles.

Travel Time: About 20 minutes from Williams.

Road Conditions: Roads are paved or gravelled, suitable for sedans. FR 140 can become rough during high use periods.

Trail Layout: The trail follows Dogtown Wash, dropping into the wash briefly before looping back on itself to end where it began.

Ponderosa Nature Trail



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WINTER ACTIVITIES

OAK HILL SNOW PLAY AREA DECOMMISSIONED - CLOSED

Attractions: The Oak Hill Snow Play Area is located on the site of an old Alpine ski area (operated during the 1950s). There are three separate runs; one reserved for skiing and the other two for tubing.

The ski run is about 900 ft. long and is a good slope for beginners to practice and improve their skills. However, there is no ski lift or tow. The middle tubing run is about 400 ft. long. This run has not received much use in the past and there has been no improvement done on it. The other tubing run is around 600 feet long, and has been developed with an embankment at its lower end to keep tubers within the safe track. Along the embankment there is a raised edge that helps keep tubers on track.

There is a warming shelter at the bottom of the hill with a fire circle and picnic tables. Vault toilet facilities are available.

A parking area for 20 cars is located just off Historic Route 66. Safe capacity at one time for the area is about 100 people. Of this amount, only about 30 to 35 should be tubers. Even with this number, if a few are rowdy or inconsiderate of others, the risk of accidents increases. **FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL, ONLY INNER TUBES OF FLEXIBLE MATERIAL ARE ALLOWED. mETAL, WOOD, OR HARD PLASTIC SLEDS OR DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED.**

1. Be sure there is sufficient snow to cover rocks, stumps and cinders before using the area. This usually requires a minimum of one foot of snow.
2. If the area is crowded, there is more risk of collisions or other accidents.
3. SPEED is the most dangerous factor. DON'T GO SO FAR UP THE HILL!
4. Make sure the entire run is clear before you start. Small children at the bottom of the hill are in a dangerous place!
5. Building jumps on the sliding run is dangerous - and NOT ALLOWED.
6. More than one person on a tube or more than one tube linked together is dangerous.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE FUN AND PLAY SAFE AT THE SAME TIME.

Location: The Oak Hill Snow Play Area is located about 10 miles east of Williams on Historic Route 66.

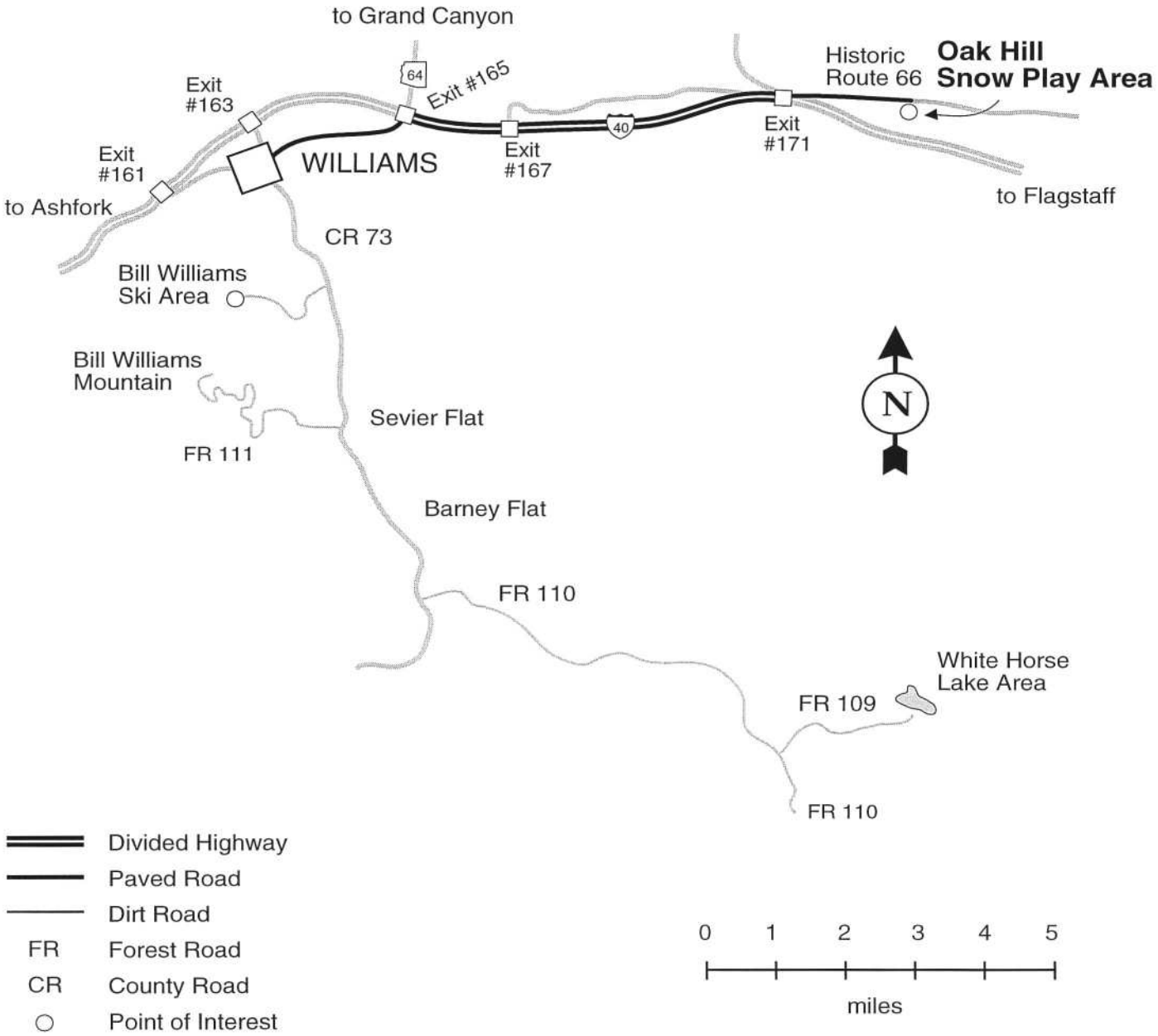
Access #1: From Williams, go about 8 miles east on I-40 to the Pitman Valley exit #171. After exiting, turn left to cross over the freeway and then immediately turn to the right (east) onto Historic Route 66; go about 2 miles to the snow play area on your right (watch for signs).

Access #2: From Flagstaff, take I-40 west 16 miles to the Parks exit #178. Turn right and go to Historic Route 66. Turn left on to Historic Route 66 and continue 4 miles to the Oak Hill Snow Play Area on your left.

Elevation: 7100 feet

Road Conditions: Paved road, plowed all winter and suitable for passenger vehicles.

Oak Hill Snow Play Area DECOMMISSIONED - CLOSED



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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Snowfall varies from year to year across the Tusayan Ranger District, consequently there are only a few areas that consistently have snow conditions for cross-country skiing. Adequate snow cover is usually found from December 15 through early March.

Several groomed trails are located in the Grandview Lookout-Hull Cabin Area, approximately 2 miles east of Grandview Point on the East Rim Drive in Grand Canyon National Park. A plowed parking area for access to the groomed ski areas is provided by Grand Canyon National Park. Visitors entering the National Park must pay the entrance fee.

Several groomed ski trails are maintained throughout the winter. Trails range in length from 1.1miles to 7.5 miles in length. Information on trail locations can be found at the Grandview Trailhead located one mile south of the parking area on a groomed trail.

Due to the predominantly gentle terrain, this area provides fine skiing for the beginner or intermediate skier. It also provides unlimited access for those who want to ski off designated trails and in solitude. For more information, please contact the Tusayan Ranger District office in Tusayan, Arizona: (520) 638-2443.

As with any wintertime activity, safety must be considered on a cross-country ski trip; even on short day trips. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with basic safety essentials and weather forecasts to be better prepared for unexpected problems. Some recommended items to take along on your ski tour include:

Adequate clothing (wool and synthetics are better than cotton for warmth when wet)

Warm jacket or sweater	Wind proof shell or parka
Insulated hat or cap	Gloves or mittens
Sunglasses or Ski goggles	Extra socks
Food (especially carbohydrates)	Water (minimum of 1 qt. per person)
Map and compass	Sun screen
A variety of waxes	Scraper and waxing cork

Many experienced skiers also take along a small "Calamity" pack to deal with the eventual emergency. Such items might include: a First Aid kit (at least a few band-aids for blisters), a screwdriver (to tighten binding screws), duct tape (to make temporary repairs), waterproof matches and fire starter kit, a whistle (much more effective to call for help than shouting), a "space blanket", and high energy bars. Make this Calamity pack as large and complete as you want, but remember to always bring it with you!

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WINTER ACTIVITIES

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Winter is a beautiful time of year in northern Arizona, and cross-country skiing is one of the best ways to enjoy it. This increasingly popular sport is a quiet, easy to learn winter activity that may be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Several locations in the Williams area are suitable for cross-country skiing. Primitive roads become excellent ski trails, offering a wide track and moderate grades for the skier to traverse easily. Hiking trails are not recommended for skiing.

Some of the more popular undeveloped areas are:

SEVIER FLAT

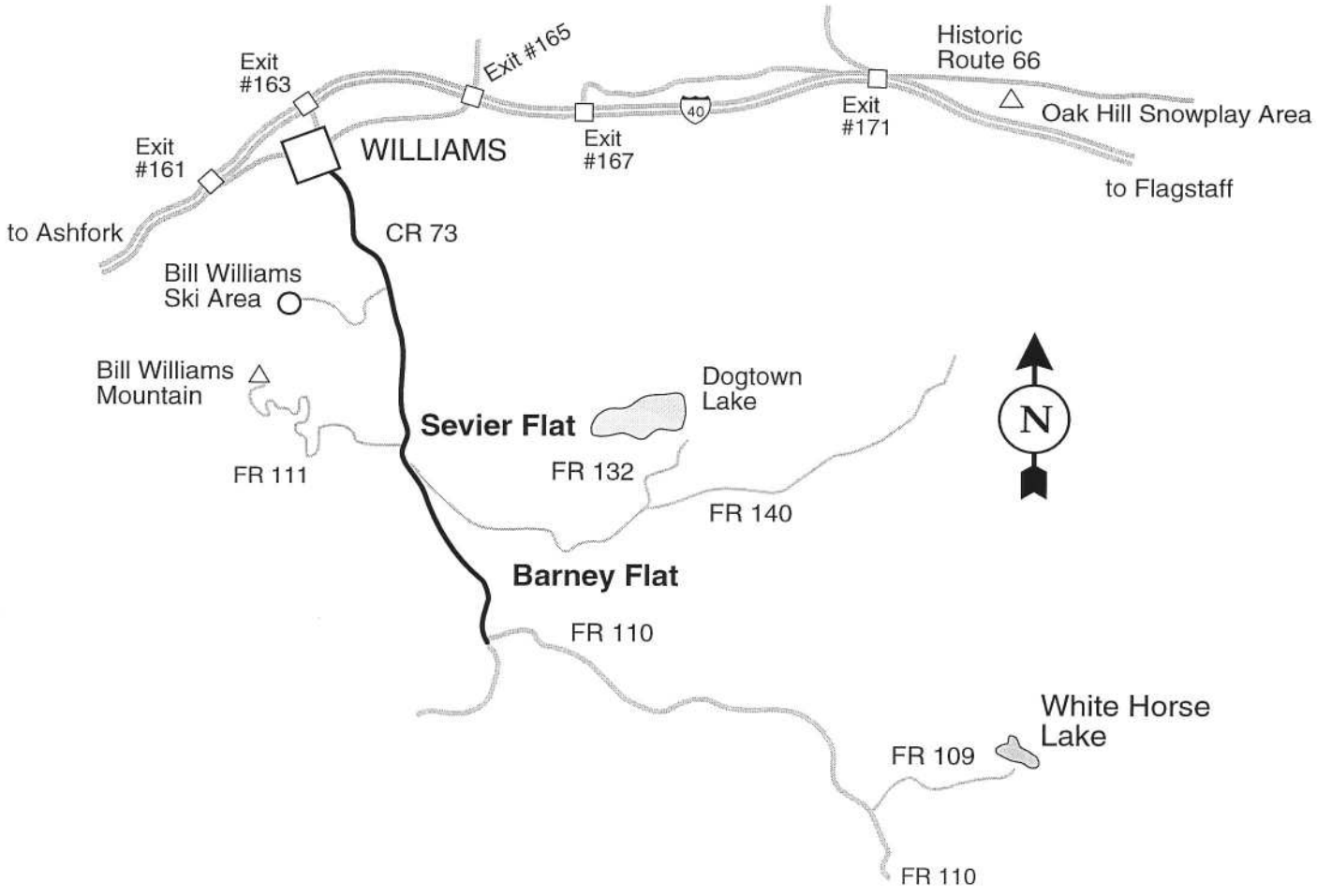
BARNEY FLAT

(See map on reverse side for locations of these areas.)

The Spring Valley Ski Trails have been developed for the cross-country skier. A detailed description of these trails is given on the following pages.

As with all wintertime activity, safety must be considered on your cross-country ski trip...even if it's only a short day trip. Familiarize yourself with basic safety essentials and weather forecasts to be better prepared for the unexpected.

Cross-Country Skiing Williams Area



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WINTER ACTIVITIES

SPRING VALLEY CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAIL

Attractions: The Spring Valley Cross-country Ski Trail consists of three possible loops. The R.S. Hill Loop is designed to be relatively easy and is an excellent trail for the beginner. The Eagle Rock Loop has two possible options, which account for the other two loops. The shorter option returns via the R.S. Hill Loop section that lies south of R.S. Hill. The longer option continues around the north of R.S. Hill on the R.S. Hill Loop.

The trail utilizes old logging roads, at times, but also passes through unroaded stretches of forest. The Eagle Rock Loop contains a few rather fast runs, where the R.S. Hill Loop is more gradual.

Most of the trail passes through a ponderosa pine forest, with a few sections bordered by stands of aspen and fir. Part of the trail traverses the edge of Spring Valley Meadow.

Length: R.S. Hill Loop - 6.7 miles (10.8K) **Use:** Moderate

Eagle Rock Loop, Short Segment: 6.5 miles (10.5K)

Eagle Rock Loop, Long Segment: 8.0 miles(12.9K) **Rating:** Easy to More Difficult

Recommended Season: Winter through early spring, depending on weather conditions.

Trailhead Location: 7480 feet. (2280m) 6 miles north of Parks on CR 141.

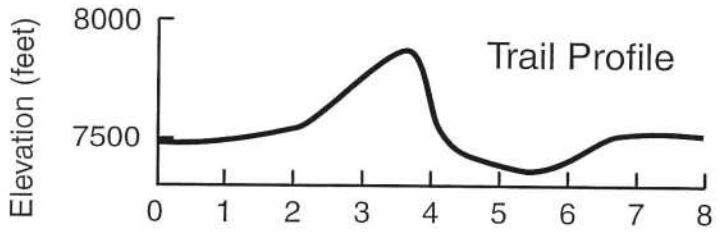
Access: Go east from Williams on I-40 about 14.5 miles to Parks (exit #178). Go north from Parks for 6 miles on FR 141; watch for signs on your left.

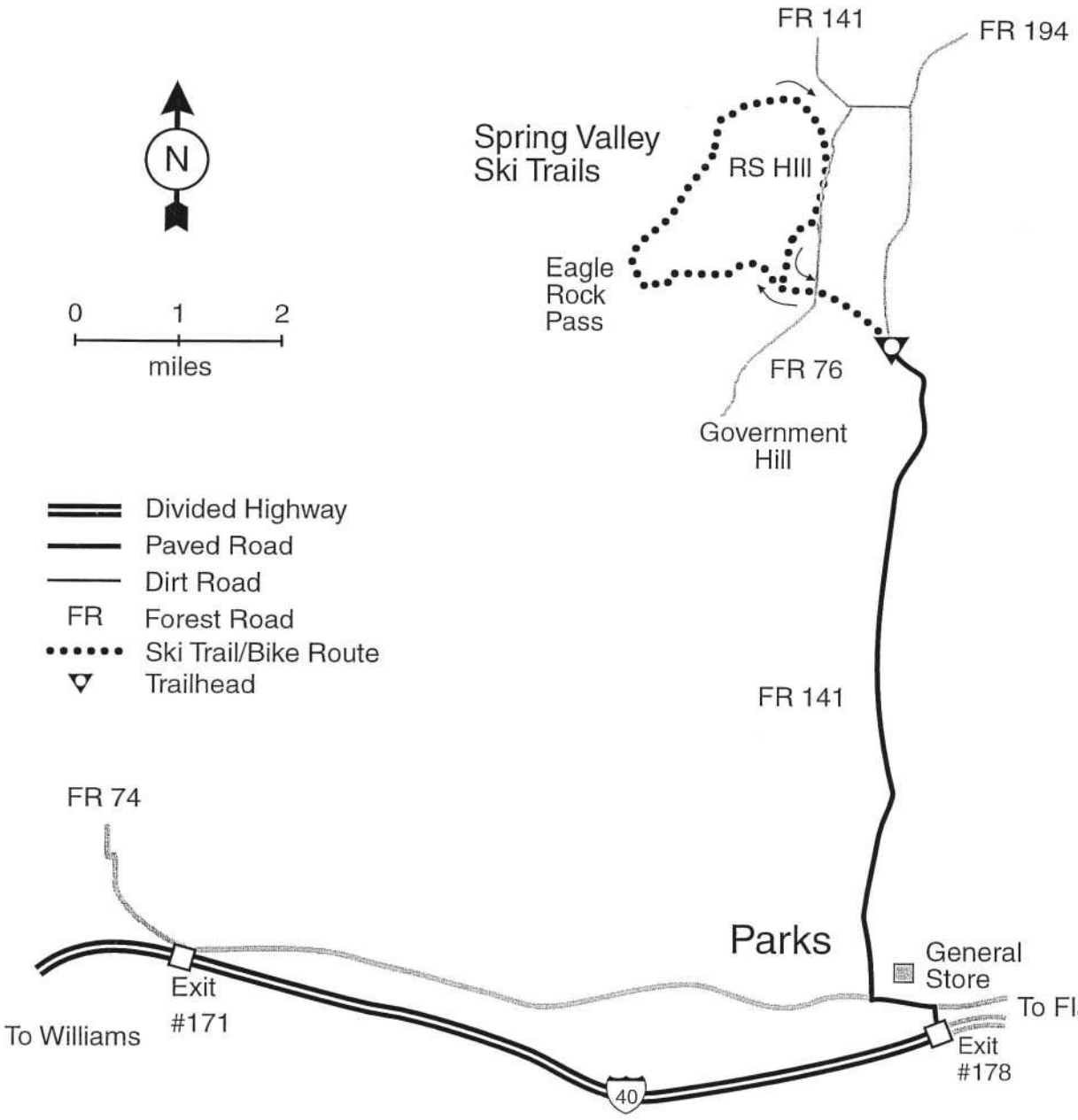
Elevation: 7480+ feet (2280 m)

Road Conditions: Paved and cinder-surfaced road, plowed all winter and suitable for sedans.

USGS Map(s): Parks (Map of trail available at Williams/Forest Service Visitor Center.)

Spring Valley Loop





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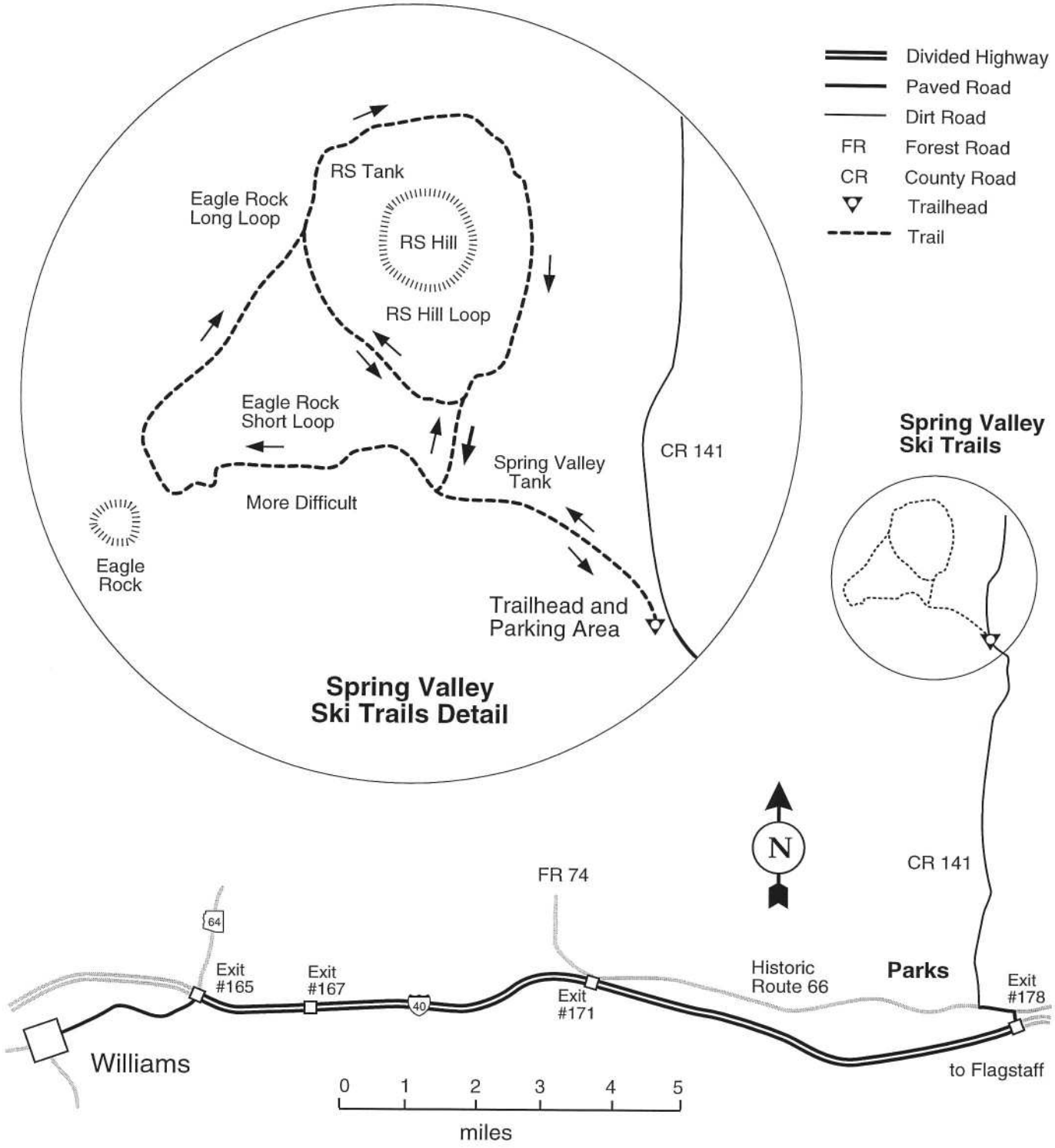

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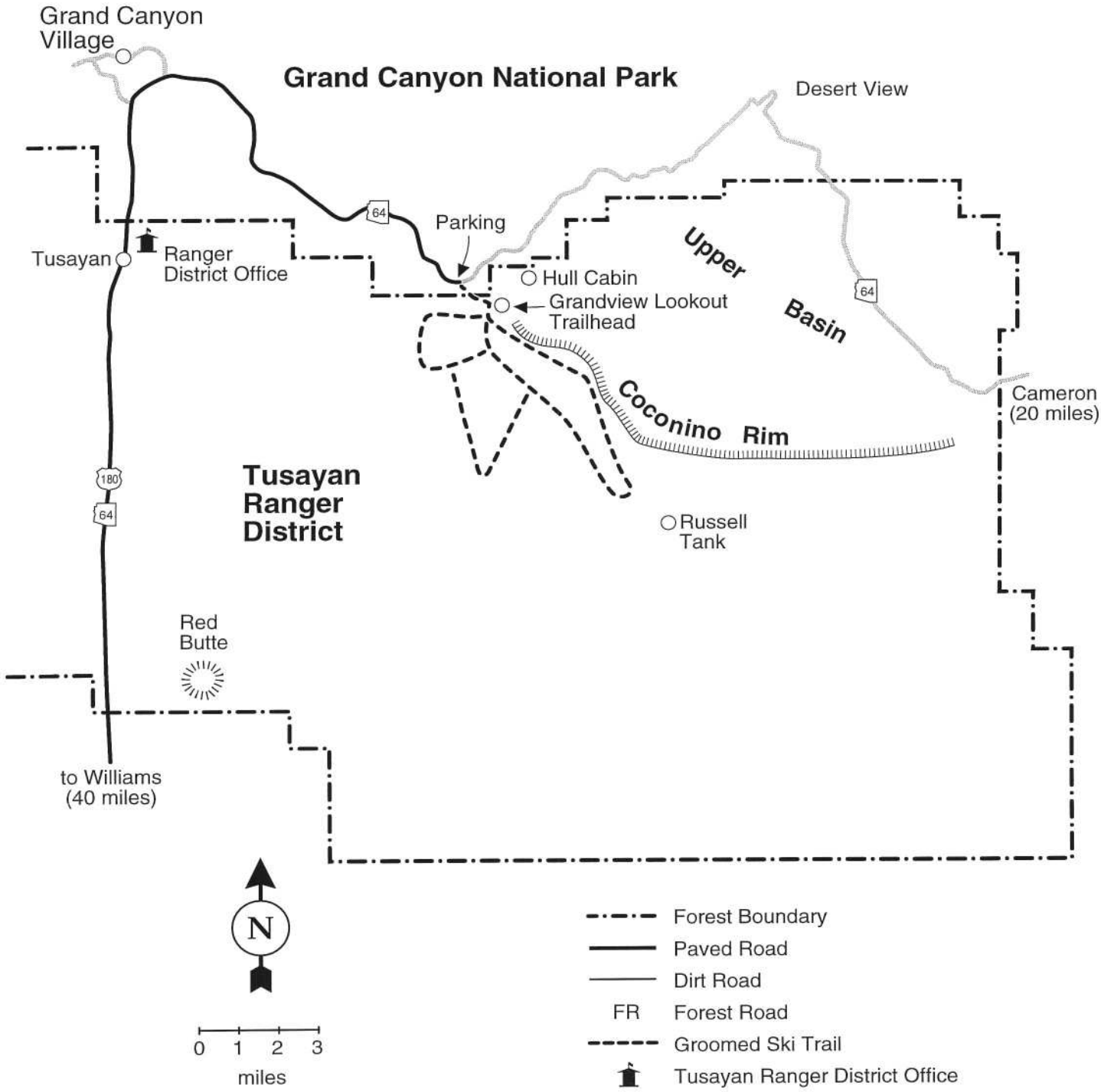

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